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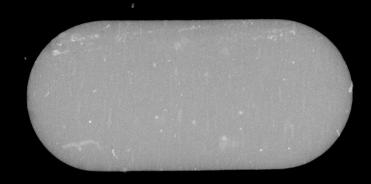
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1.0 SUMMARY

Attachment Number 1 to Contract N00014-73-C-0142 states that "the Contractor shall conduct research and development on design aspects of large disc lasers with emphasis on determination of failure modes of large xenon flash pump lamps; lamp length, diameter and life tradeoffs; effects of asymmetric magnetic forces and their minimization; and the design and development of low mechanical stress high voltage terminations and mounts for such lamps. The design shall be supported by life testing of prototype lamps, both individually and in the finally determined close configuration including the chosen mounting, high voltage termination and at least one fourth of a reflector assembly."

A total of 24 individual 10 mm bore flashlamps ranging from 6 inch arc length to 56 inch arc length were life tested at high fractions of explosion energy. These tests indicate that previously established lamp lite prediction rules (developed for smaller lamps) can be applied to large lamps without serious error. There is some evidence that the lamp life vs. fraction of explosion energy relationship may be slightly different for long lamps than for short lamps, but many more tests would be required at low fractions of explosion energy to establish the trend

A magnetic force analysis was made for linear flashlamps in a close packed cylindrical array. It was established that the magnetically induced tensile stress in the lamp envelope is reduced by as much as a factor of 15 if the currents in adjacent lamps flow in opposite directions rather than in the same direction. For the particular case of twenty 32 inch arc,10 mm bore lamps mounted on a 5.5 cm radius cylinder, the magnetically induced stress from 3500 amp pulses is 165 psi if the current flow is opposite in adjacent lamps, and 3140 psi if all currents are in the same direction. The stresses that would result from two adjacent lamps failing to fire is 535 psi.

A variety of lamp mount and high voltage insulation systems were designed and tested. The design finally chosen for full scale multiple tests was found to be successful with regard to high voltage insulation and mounting stress, but less than satisfactory in terms of production yield. An improved design to reduce production problems was fabricated and is recommended for future programs.

A ten lamp test fixture was designed, constructed, and tested with ten lamps and a total stored energy of 45 kilojoules for 500 pulses without failure. During the performance of the tests, the following significant observations were made:

- 1. Future disc laser amplifier structures should be designed to provide a complete nitrogen purge in order to minimize generation of acoustical noise and the possibility of damage resulting from acoustic shock waves.
- 2. A cylindrical pyrex shield separating the flashlamp region from the laser disc region is helpful in reducing shock waves.
- 3. A disc laser structure based on the design concepts tested in this program should operate reliably for 1000 to 5000 pulses at full energy.
- 4. The failure of one pair of lamps to fire does not result in destructive magnetic forces in adjacent lamps.
- 5. Resilient lamp supports can be provided to reduce the stress in lamp envelopes (although intermediate supports were not needed on this program).

2.0 EXPLOSION LIMIT AND LIFE TESTS

Xenon flashlamp explosion limit and life tests were conducted on 10 mm bore, 2 mm wall, xenon flashlamps with arc lengths varying from 6 inches to 56 inches. The purpose of the tests was to determine experimentally if there were any length dependent factors which affect the explosion limit of xenon flashlamps constructed with abnormally high length to diameter ratios.

Xenon flashlamps constructed for these tests were all fabricated from fully annealed 2 mm wall, 10 mm bore quartz tubing. The sear construction consists of a single grade tungsten rod to quartz reentrant seal, with electrical connections made by means of flexible leads. The basic lamp design is illustrated in Figure 1.

Approximately 10 lamps of each 3 different arc lengths were constructed for the purposes of these tests. The arc lengths chosen were 6 inches, 18 inches and 30 inches.

2.1 Description of Test Methods

The purpose of this test was to compare the performance of large diameter long flashlamps with the previously established model, (1,2) which provides a means of predicting the explosion limit of flashlamps and the expected life of a flashlamp when operated at a specified fraction of its explosion limit. The basic test method employed was to calculate an expected life based on the previous model and then determine the actual life when the test lamps were operated at high fractions of explosion energy.

During the tests the lamps were carefully mounted in a strain free manner with the electrical current return path separated from the lamp by a large distance to insure that magnetic forces were minimized. All tests were conducted in a large test enclosure without reflectors so that optical loading of the lamp was also minimized. The tests were conducted in an air environment, so that acoustical shock loading of the lamp envelope due to absorption of UV radiation in air was a possible factor in the tests.

2.2 Test Results

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The test results of the program are presented in Figures 2 through 5. In all cases the termination of a test sequence occurred when the lamp envelope fractured. In all cases except one, lamp fracture was violent and resulted in virtually total destruction of the lamp envelope.

2.3 Conclusions

2.3.1 Lamp Life Slope

The most extensive lamp life data was collected on 6, 18 and 30 inch arc length lamps. Examination of Figures 3 and 4 suggests that the best fit lamp life vs. energy line appears to vary somewhat from previously established data (referenced in reference 1). The effect of this possible slope change appears to have the effect of slightly depressing the single shot explosion energy for long lamps, but substantially increasing expected lamp life when these lamps are operated at less than 50 or 60% of explosion energy. It also suggests that for 18 and 30 inch lamps, million pulse life expectancy might be achieved at 0.3 of explosion energy rather than at 0.2 of explosion energy as was previously thought. Many more lamp tests would be required to ascertain whether or not these apparent changes are really significant.

It is also interesting to note that for the 6 inch lamp data (Figure 2) the best fit lamp life slope and the previously established lamp life slope are essentially the same.

Energy storage capacity limitations prevented the testing of 56 inch arc length lamps at high fractions of explosion energy.

2.3.2 Abnormal Early Failures

Out of a total of 24 tests performed at more than 0.4 of explosion energy, only one abnormal early failure was noted. One of the 56 inch arc length lamps suffered a cracked seal but the lamp envelope was not destroyed. In spite of this early failure, the data point (shown on Figure 5) still results in reasonably good grouping of the data.

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In order to firmly establish the new indicated lamp life slopes, it would be necessary to perform substantial additional tests at energies which would yield expected lamp life between 10^5 and 10^6 pulses.

3.0 MAGNETIC FORCES BETWEEN FLASHLAMPS IN A CYLINDRICAL CONFIGURATION

The magnetic force analysis studies performed under this contract provide a means of quantitatively estimating the magnetic forces acting on flashlamps in a large scale Nd:glass disc laser amplifier.

It can be shown that the magnetic force between two parallel cylindrical conductors, per unit length, is equal to

$$F = 2i_1i_2/d \tag{1}$$

where F is the force per unit length, i_1 and i_2 are the currents in the conductors, and d is the distance between the axes of the conductors. If the currents are expressed in emu (1 emu = 10 A) and the distance in cm, Equation (1) gives the fc ce in dynes per cm length. Equation (1) is exactly valid for any cylindrically symmetrical distribution of current in the individual conductors. The force is attractive if the currents flow in the same direction and repulsive if they flow in opposite directions.

The force between any two cylindrical conductors with their axes lying on the surface of a larger cylinder of radius R, as shown in Figure 7 and carrying equal currents, is then

$$F = 2i^2/(2R \sin \theta/2) \tag{2}$$

per unit length, where θ is the angular separation of the axes of the two conductors on the surface of the large cylinder. The radial component of this force is F sin θ /2, which is equal to

$$F_{r} = i^{2}/R \tag{3}$$

per unit length. Thus the radial component of the force between the two conductors is independent of their relative positions on the large cylinder.

The tangential component of the force between the two conductors is

$$F_{t} = \Gamma \cos \theta / 2 = (i^{2}/R) \cot \theta / 2$$
 (4)

We can now calculate the components of the force on a given conductor when there are n conductors uniformly spaced on the surface or the large cylinder, each carrying the same current i. If the currents are all in the same direction, the radial component is

$$F_r = (n - 1)i^2/R$$
 (5)

directed inward.

If n is even and the current flows in opposite directions in alternate conductors,

$$F_r = i^2/R \tag{6}$$

directed outward, since the number of outward contributions is one greater than the number of inward contributions. In either case, the tangential component of the force on the given conductor vanishes because of symmetry, as can be seen from consideration of Figure 7.

If one conductor is removed from the array (one flashlamp fails to fire), the radial component of force on each of the remaining conductors changes by i^2/R , the direction of the change depending on whether the currents in the missing conductor and the one under consideration are in the same or opposite directions. The tangential component of force on each of the remaining lamps changes from zero to the amount given by Equation (4).

As an example, we calculate the magnetic forces for the case of 20 lamps, each carrying a current of 3500 A, with their axes on a reference cylinder of 5.5 cm radius. If all of the currents are in the same direction, the radial component of force on each lamp is 29.1 pounds force per foot of length. If the currents are in opposite directions in alternate lamps, the force per foot of length is only 1.53 pounds. If one lamp fails to fire, a tangential component of 9.66 pounds force per foot of length is exerted on the lamps on either side of it, and smaller tangential forces are exerted on its more remote neighbors.

If, in the arrangement of 20 lamps with currents in opposite directions in adjacent lamps, one adjacent pair fails to fire, the radial force on the remaining lamps remains unchanged and the tangential force on a lamp next to the pair not firing becomes 4.96 pounds force per foot of length. The resultant force on this lamp is then 5.18 pounds per foot.

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If the lamp is supported at points spaced L feet apart, we can calculate the maximum safe load approximately by considering the portion between two adjacent supports to be auniformly loaded beam of span L feet. Kent (Mechanical Engineers' Handbook, 12th edition, p. 8-15) gives the equation

$$W = 2 \sigma S/(3L) \tag{7}$$

as the maximum safe load of such a beam, where W is the total load in pounds, σ is the maximum allowable tensile stress in psi, and S is the section modulus, which is equal to the moment of inertia divided by half the beam thickness in the direction of the load. For a flashlamp with inside and outside diameters of 10 and 14 mm, as an example, S is equal to 0.125 in 3, as calculated from the equation

$$S = 0.0982 (d^4 - d_1^4)/d$$
 (8)

given on p. 8-10 of the reference just cited.

If the distance between supports is three feet, the maximum tensile stress in the quartz due to the magnetic forces is 165 psi if all lamps fire. If one adjacent pair fails to fire, the maximum stress in the lamps on either side of this pair is 536 psi. If the external connections were such that a single lamp could fail to fire, the maximum stress in its closest neighbors would be 1042 psi. Finally, if the lamps were connected so that current flowed in the same direction in all of them, the maximum tensile stress in each lamp, due to the radial magnetic force, would be 3140 psi.

4.0 HIGH VOLTAGE INSULATION SYSTEMS

The objective of this task was to devise a high voltage insulation system for linear xenon flashlamps that would insulate the electrical conductors from the lamp support structure and simultaneously provide a mounting surface that would insure strain free mounting of the lamp in the disc laser structure.

The various designs investigated are illustrated in Figure 8. Design A was discarded because of difficulty in manufacturing. Designs B and C were discarded because high voltage tests of sample structures showed that these designs would not provide adequate voltage isolation between the current carrying conductor and the metal support sleeve.

Design D was adopted for the tests under this contract. A sample lamp end was constructed as shown in Figure 8D, and was hi-potted to 50 kV dc for two minutes without breakdown. The same sample was then subjected to a pulse test in which the center conductor was pulsed to 40 kV with a pulse duration of approximately 2 μs at a pulse repetition rate of 10PPS for approximately 50 hours. After this test there was no visible or electrical sign of degradation of the insulation system.

During construction of the test lamps used on this program it was found that while the Design 8D is adequate from the standpoint of high voltage breakdown, it is mechanically weak and results in a high attrition of lamps during installation of the insulating system. Design 8E, incorporating a thicker quartz extension, is recommended for future lamp construction.

5.0 LAMP ASSEMBLY DESIGN AND PROOF TESTING

5.1 Test Fixture Construction Details

A multiple lamp test fixture was designed and constructed. This test fixture, capable of nolding ten 32 inch arc length, 10 mm OD lamps, is illustrated in Appendix 1. This test fixture was designed to interface with the lamp insulation design shown in Figure 8D, and provides for optional intermediate lamp supports at 3 points along the lamp arc length.

5.2 Lamp Construction

Thirty-two inch arc length, 10 mm bore lamps were constructed in accordance with the insulation system design shown in Figure 8D. A total of 26 lamps were fabricated for this program. Six lamps were broken during potting and high pot tests while installing the high voltage insulation on the lamp ends. Ten lamps were broken during the test program described in 5.3 below. Ten lamps remain intact and are installed in the lamp test fixture.

5.3 Test Program Summary

A complete test program log is included as Appendix II of this report.

initially, all test lamps were tested in pairs in the lamp test fixture with the lamps located as far apart as possible. This test constituted an acceptance test of the lamp structures.

Lamps were then progressively moved closer and closer together until two lamps were operated in adjacent positions in the test fixture. These tests confirmed that the lamps were capable of withstanding magnetic forces associated with two lamps operating in close proximity.

The test plan then provided for gradually increasing the number of lamps in the test fixture. Difficulties first arose with six lamps in the fixture when two lamp pairs were located at either side of the fixture and one lamp pair was located at the top of the fixture. Repeated tests under these conditions resulted in breakage of the lamps at the top of the fixture. In some cases, fragments of the two top lamps also fractured other lamps.

It was postulated that a shock wave emanating from the two pairs at either side of the cavity might be propagated upward in a manner that could damage the lamps in the top fixture. At this point, the test fixture was modified and a pyrex glass shield was added to reduce the possibility of this type of shock induced failure. When tests were continued, it was determined that the addition of the pyrex cylinder did in fact, remove this difficulty.

As the number of lamps in the fixture was increased, the acoustic shock noise generated by ultraviolet radiation inside the cavity became excessive. The fixture was further modified to provide more complete purging of the fixture with gaseous nitrogen. It appears necessary to have a reasonably well sealed disc laser cavity purged with gaseous nitrogen to reduce the acoustic shock and acoustic noise.

During the course of the test, one high voltage arc-over to ground was experienced at one high voltage termination. For the remainder of the tests, this problem was solved by adding mylar sheet under the terminal block. On future assemblies, this terminal block would be made of solid insulating material. This is not considered to be a basic difficulty with the system.

After the test fixture had been successfully operated with 10 lamps operated from 5 pulse forming networks, each storing 9 kJ at 20 kV, experimental center support mechanisms were tried. These are illustrated in Appendix I. The experimental support material withstood repeated operation at full energy without damage. A data sheet for this material is included as part of Appendix I.

5.4 Conclusions and Recommendations

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During the course of this program, it has been shown that 32inch arc length, 10 x 14 mm linear flashlamps can be operated successfully in a half cylinder array consistent with the design requirements for the Naval Research Laboratory disc laser system. The lamp mounting and insulation system that was developed provides for strain-free mounting of the lamps at the ends, 'adequate high voltage insulation properties and very little increase in overall lamp diameter. A multiple lamp array fabricated in accordance with this design can be expected to operate reliably for an estimated 1,000 to 5 000 pulses without catastrophic lamp failure. Over 600 pulses at full energy were actually demonstrated during the course of this test.

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Complete gaseous nitrogen purge of the interior of the disc laser system is highly recommended. It results in minimum acoustical noise from the assembly and greatly reduces the possibility of destructive shock waves being developed inside the disc system.

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Addition of a circular pyrex shatter shield between the lamps and the laser disc region is highly recommended. It is an easy way to reduce acoustic shock effects and should provide adequate protection for the laser discs.

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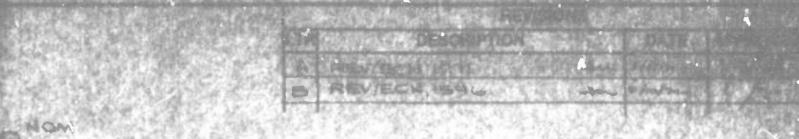
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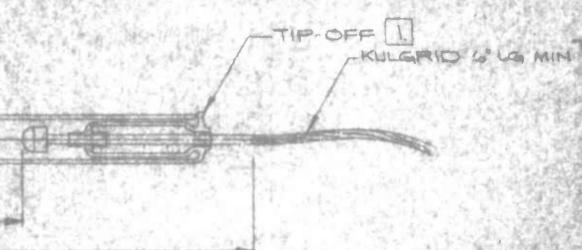
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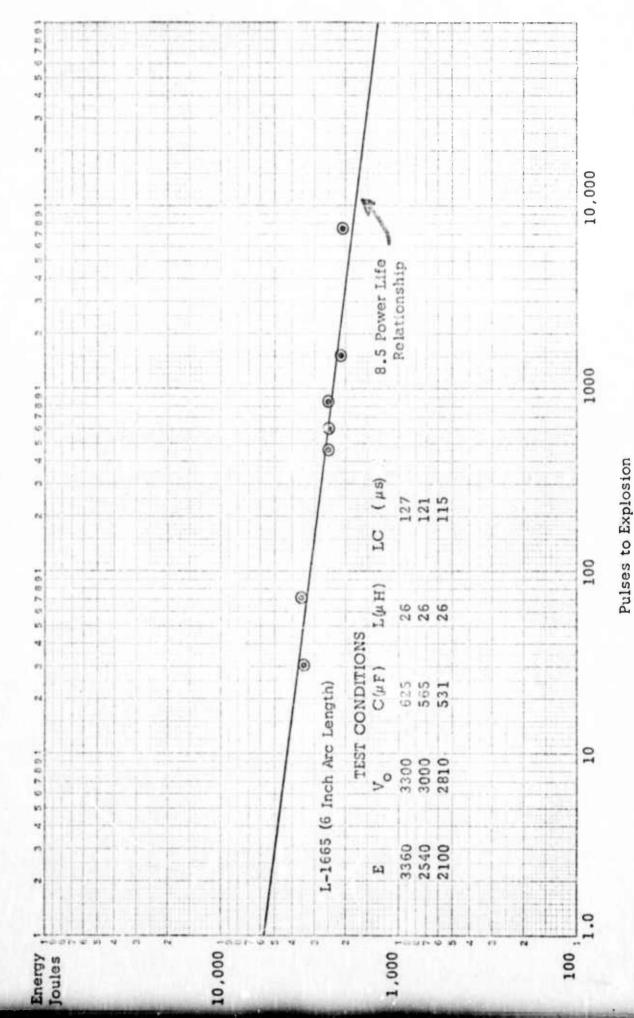


FIGURE 2. HIGH ENERGY LIFE TESTS

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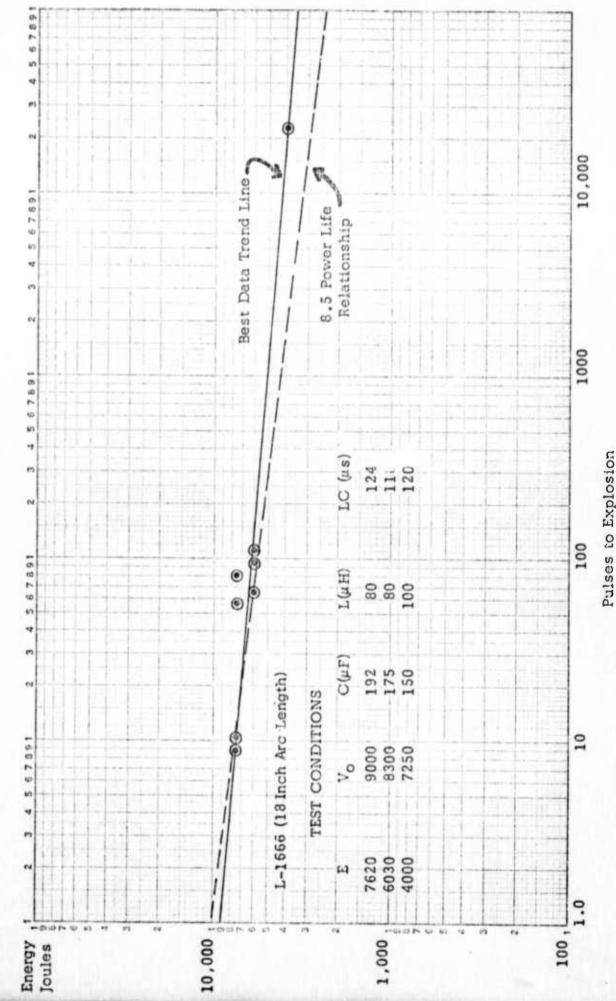


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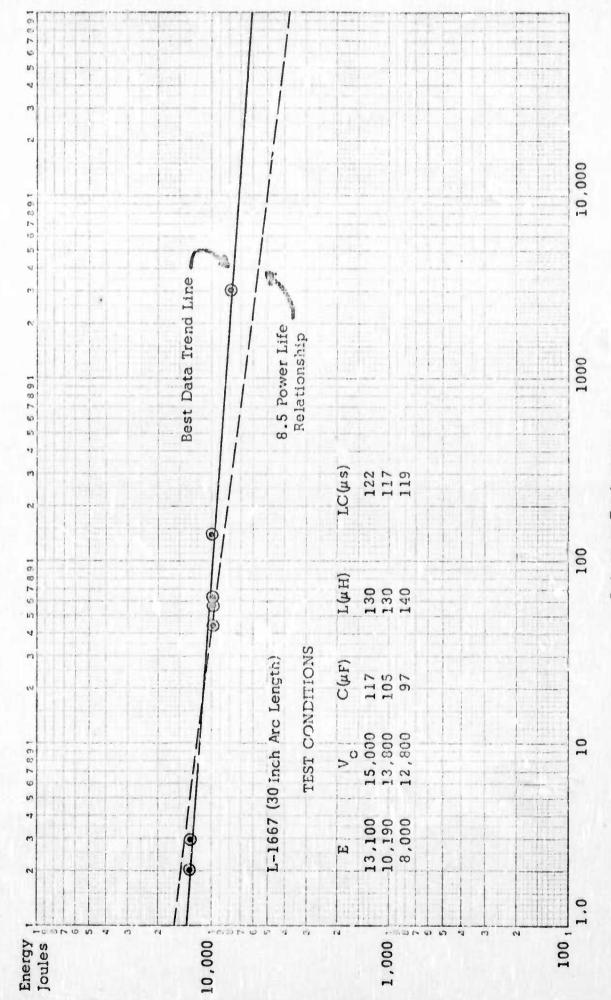
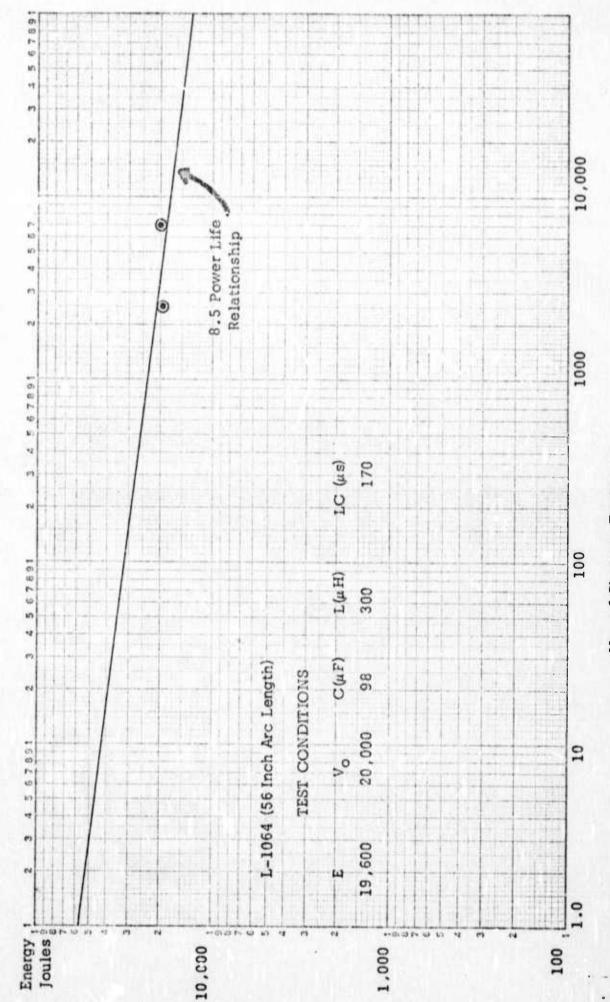
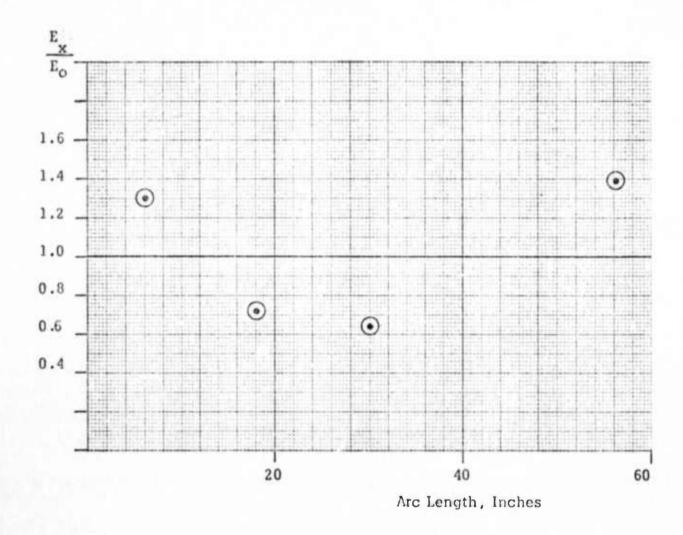


FIGURE 4. HIGH ENERGY LIFE TESTS





No. of Shots to Explosion FIGURE 5. HIGH ENERGY LIFE TESTS



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Lamp Bore Diameter - 10 mm

Lamp Wall Thickness - 2 mm

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FIGURE 6

EXPLOSION LIMIT (Ex) AS A FUNCTION OF ARC LENGTH

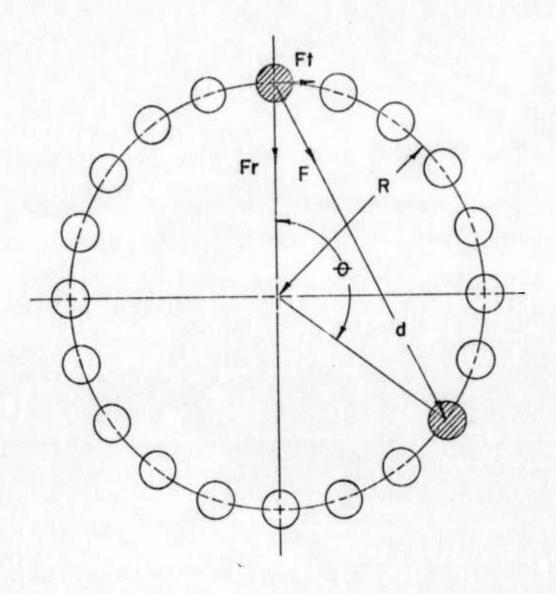
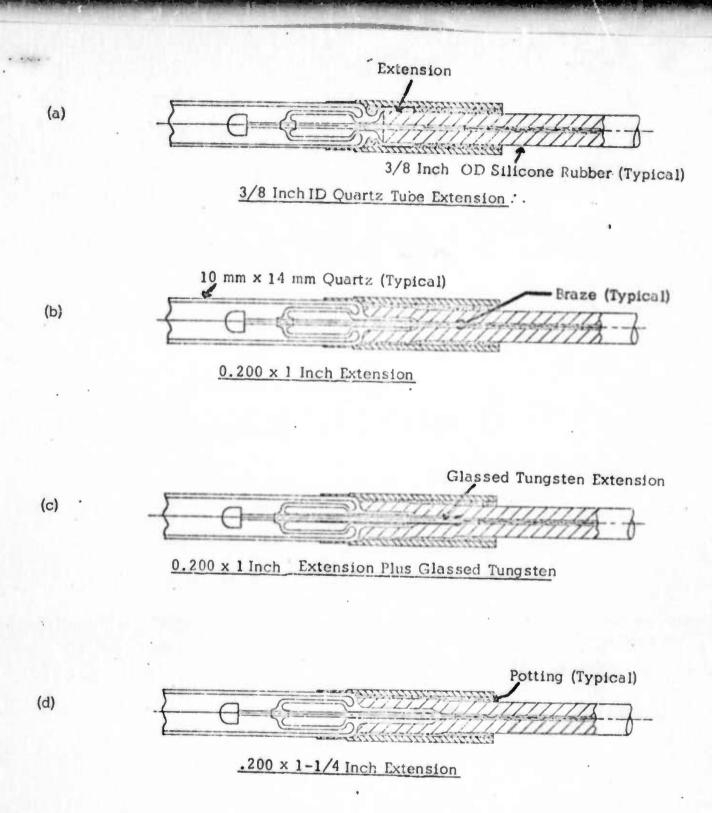
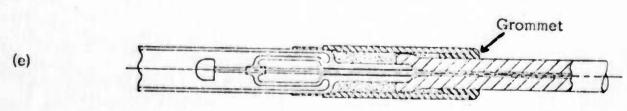


FIGURE 7. Magnetic Forces on Conductors in Cylindrical Configuration





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APPENDIX I

MULTIPLE LAMP TEST FIXTURE DESIGN DETAILS

DRAWING LIST NRL LAMP TEST FIXTURE

41901A	Disc Holder
41902B	Lamp Base 14 mm
41903A	Lamp Test Fixture
41904 N/C	Channel Base
41905 N/C	Lamp End Support (Inner)
41906 N/C	Lamp End Support (Outer)
41907 N/C	Lamp Support Mide a (Inner)
41908 N/C	Lamp Support Middle (Outer)
41909 N/C	Reflector Quadrant
41910 N/C	Ground Ring
41911 N/C	Barrier Insulation (L.H.)
41912 N/C	Insulated Standoff
41914 A	Terminal Lamp Lead
41915 N/C	Fitting Thd Fitting
41916 N/C	Extrusion
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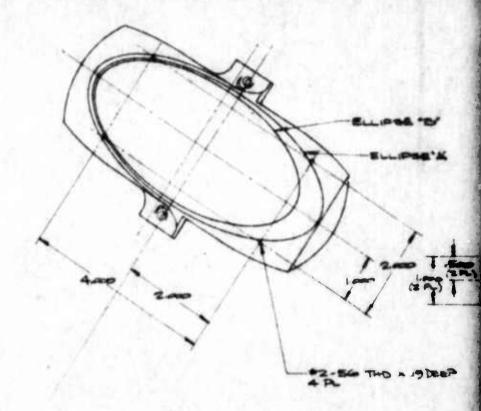
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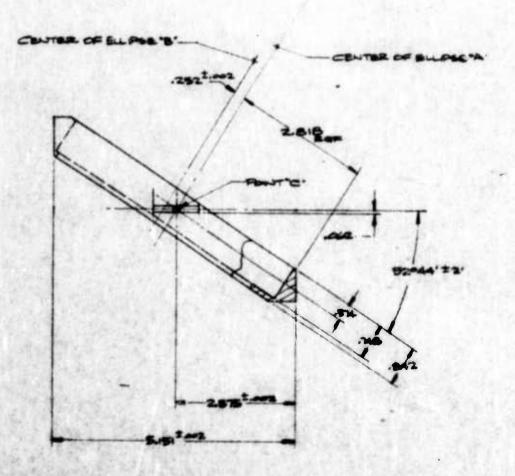
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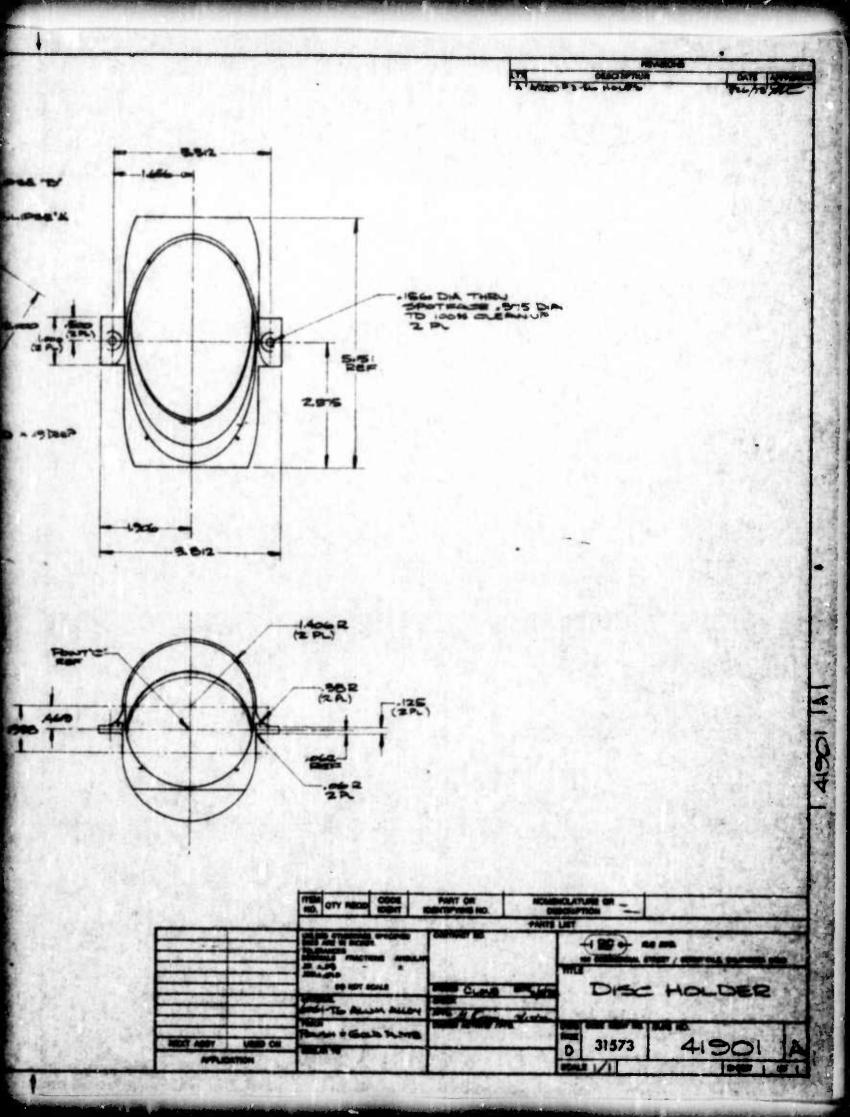
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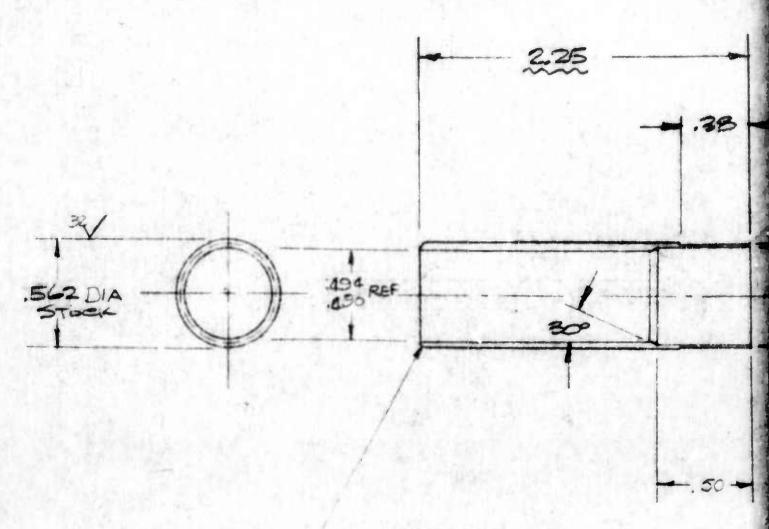
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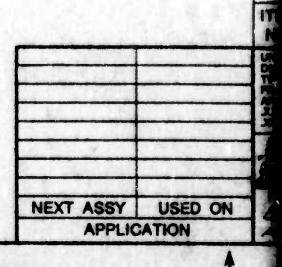


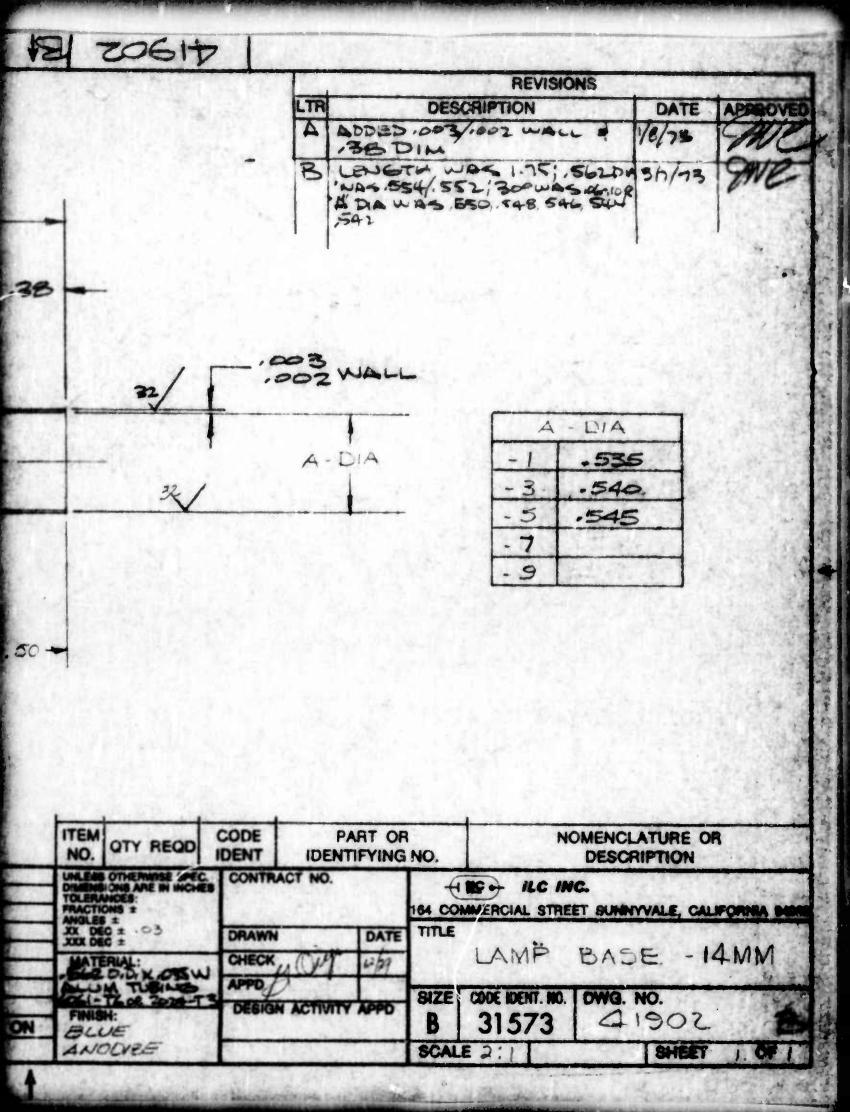
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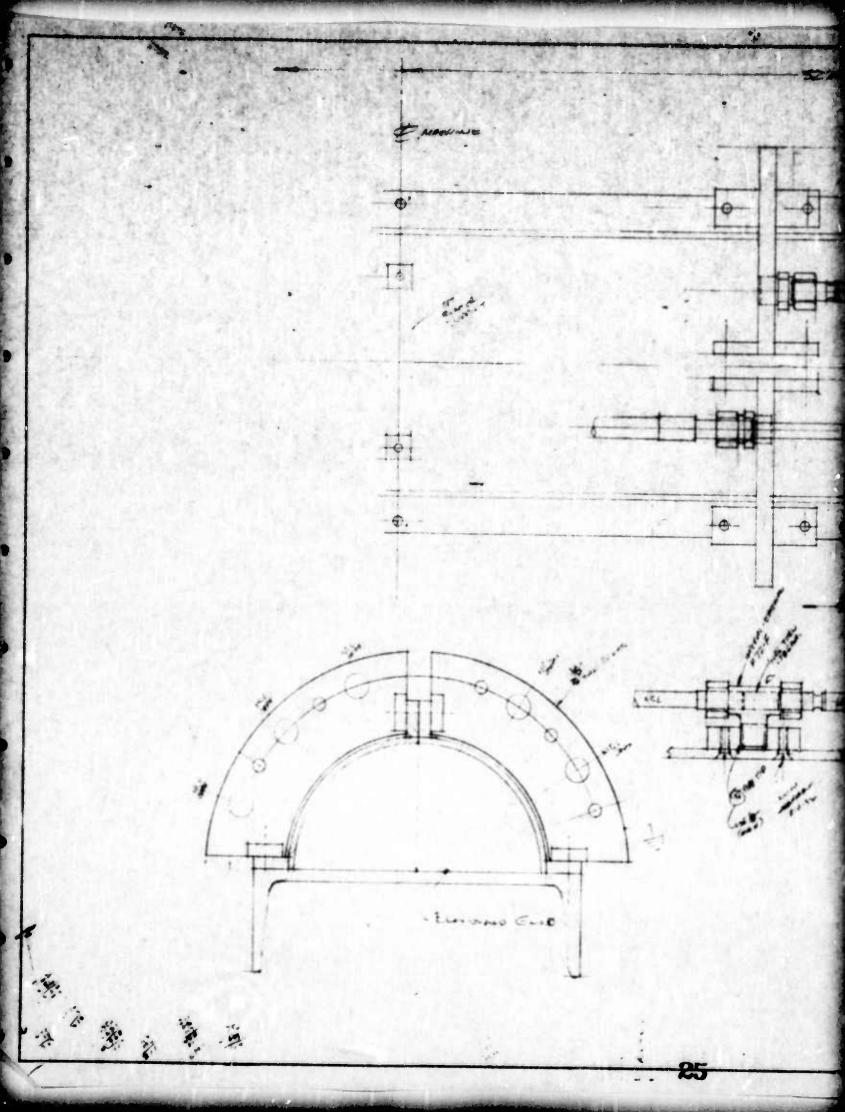


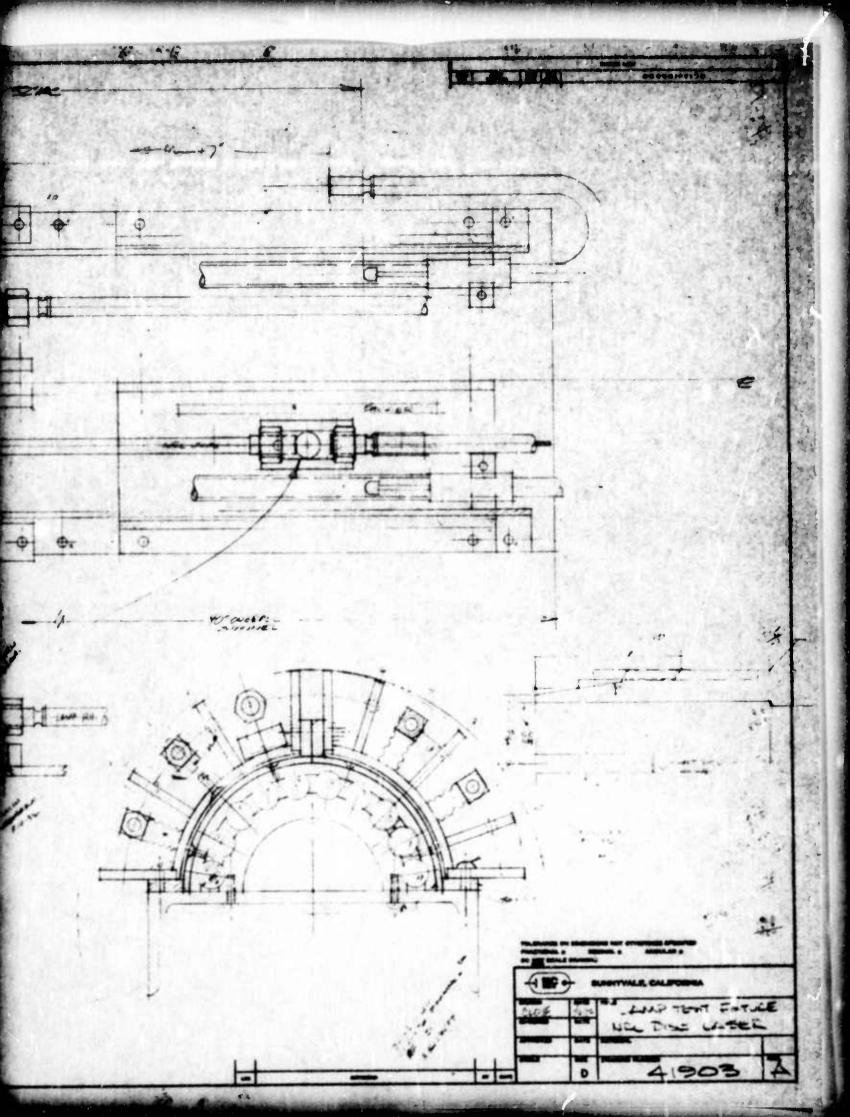


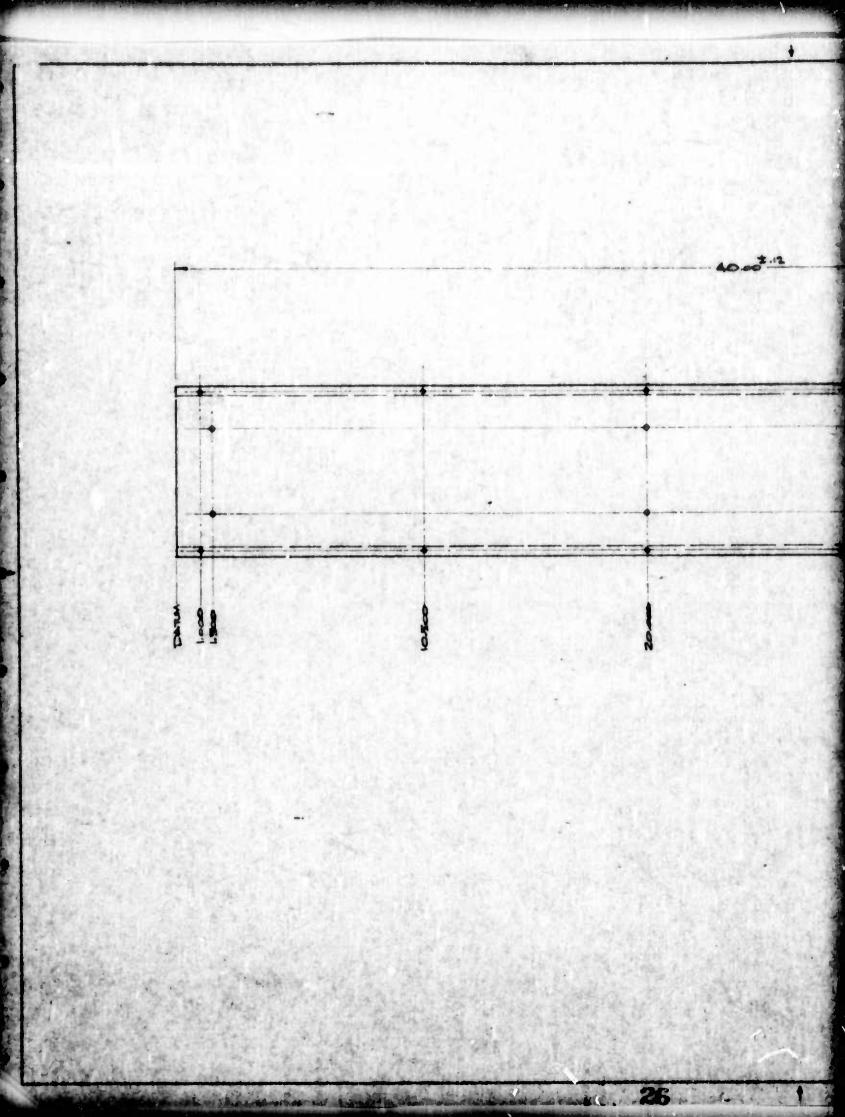
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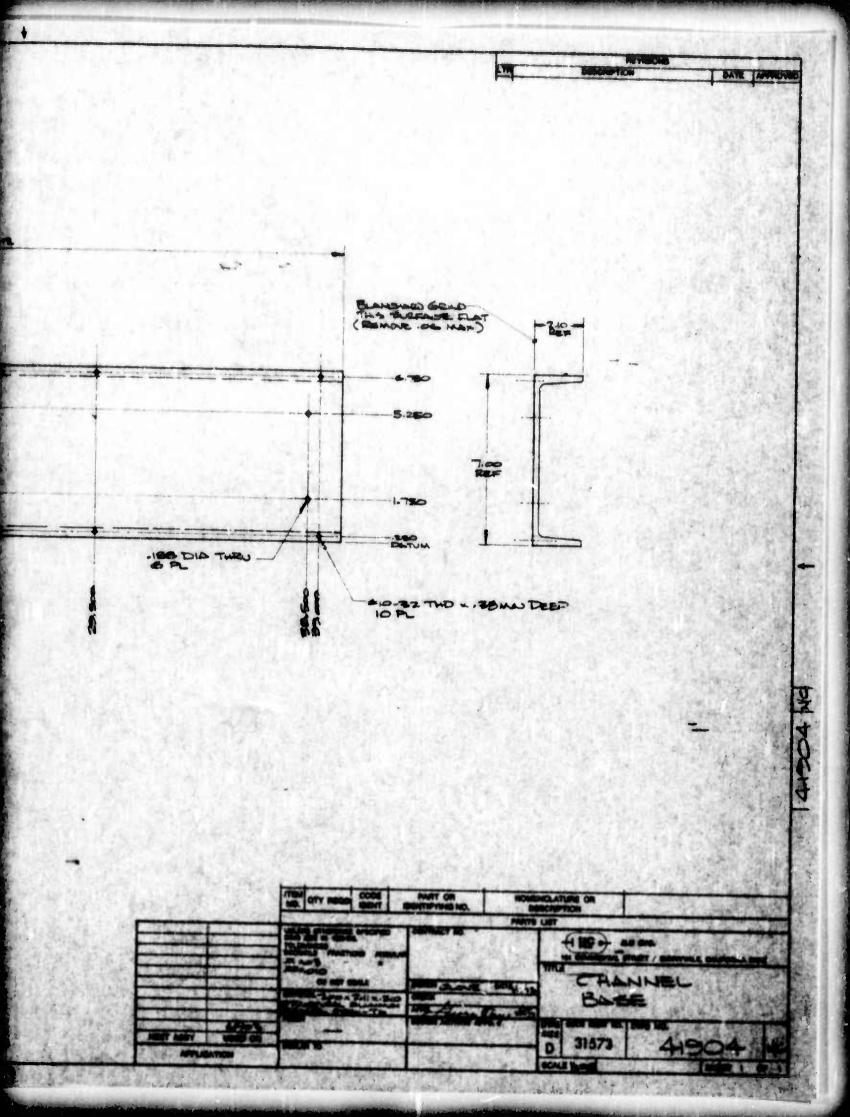






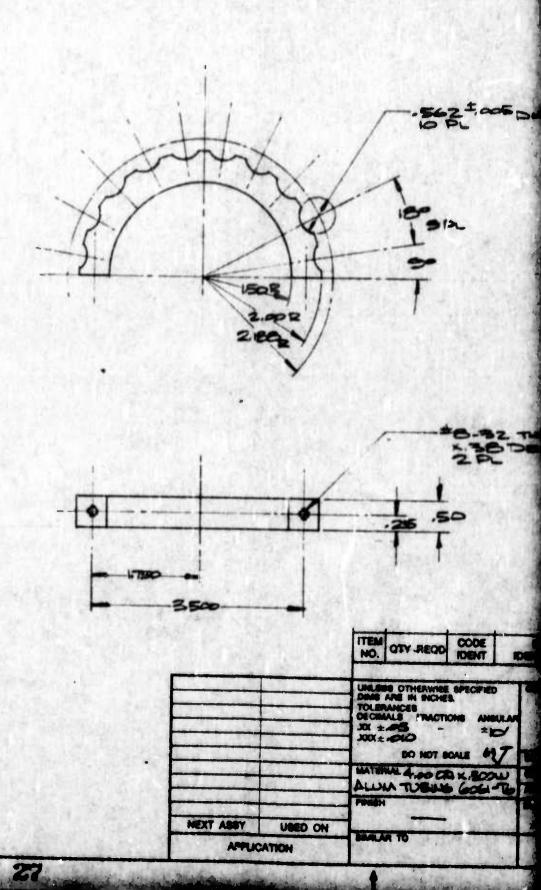


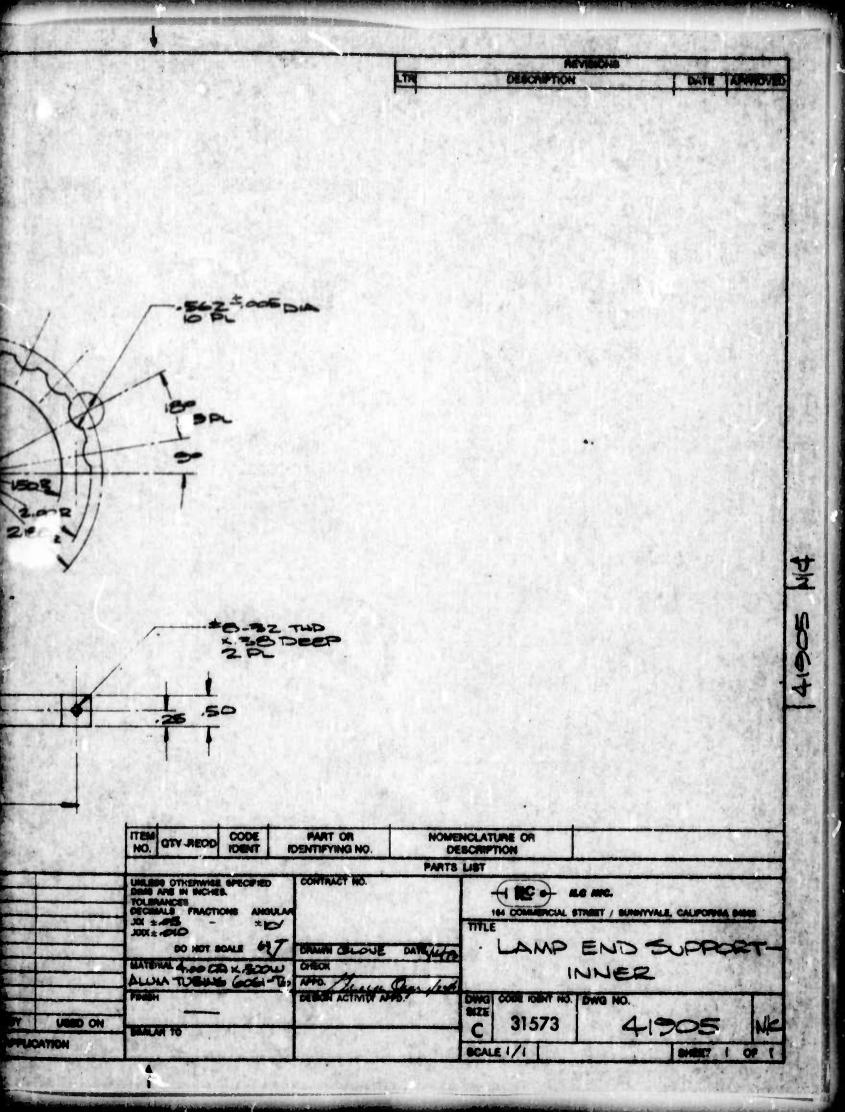




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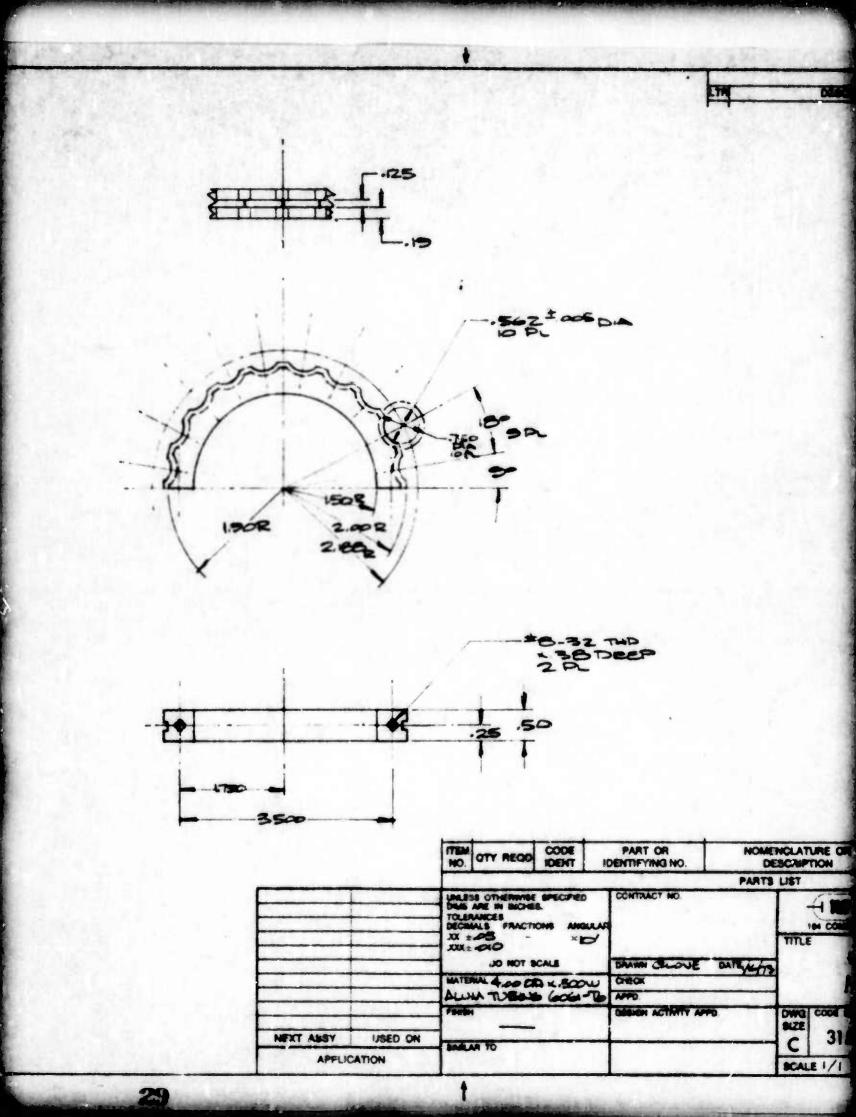


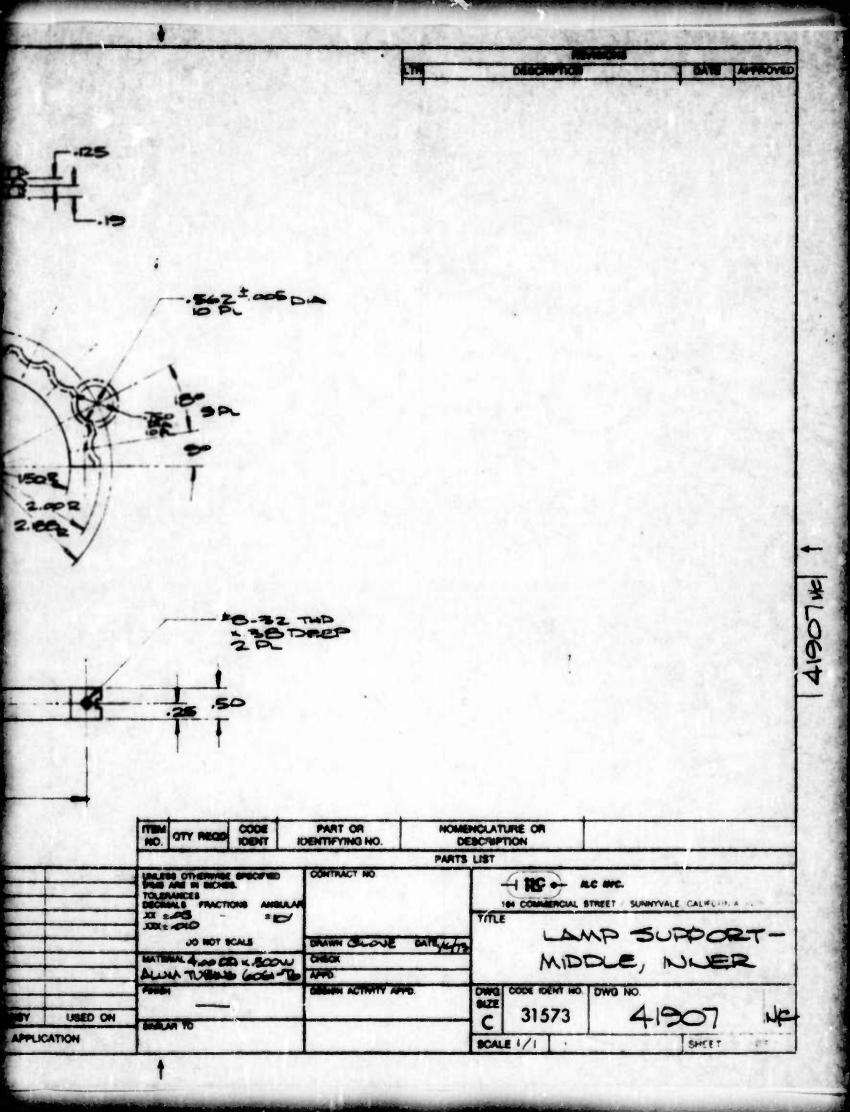
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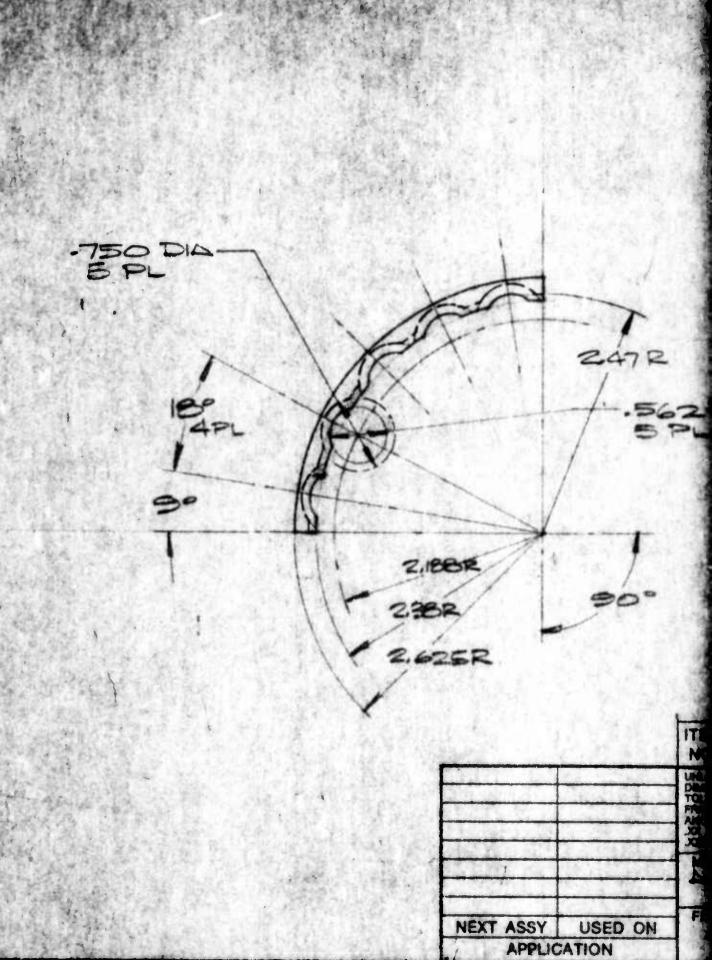
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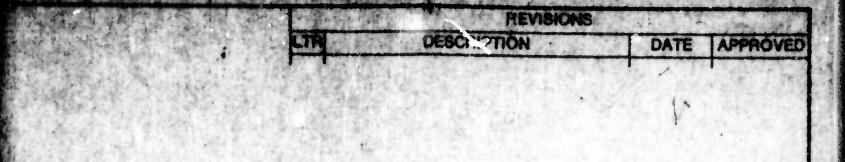
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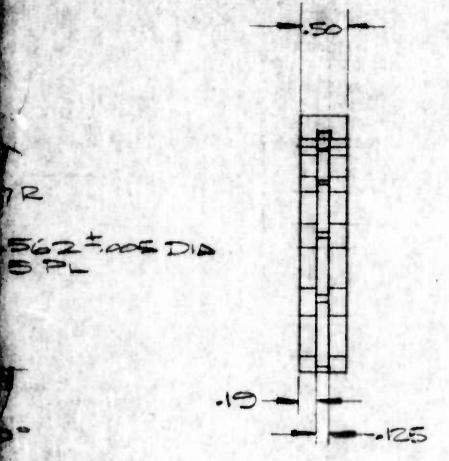
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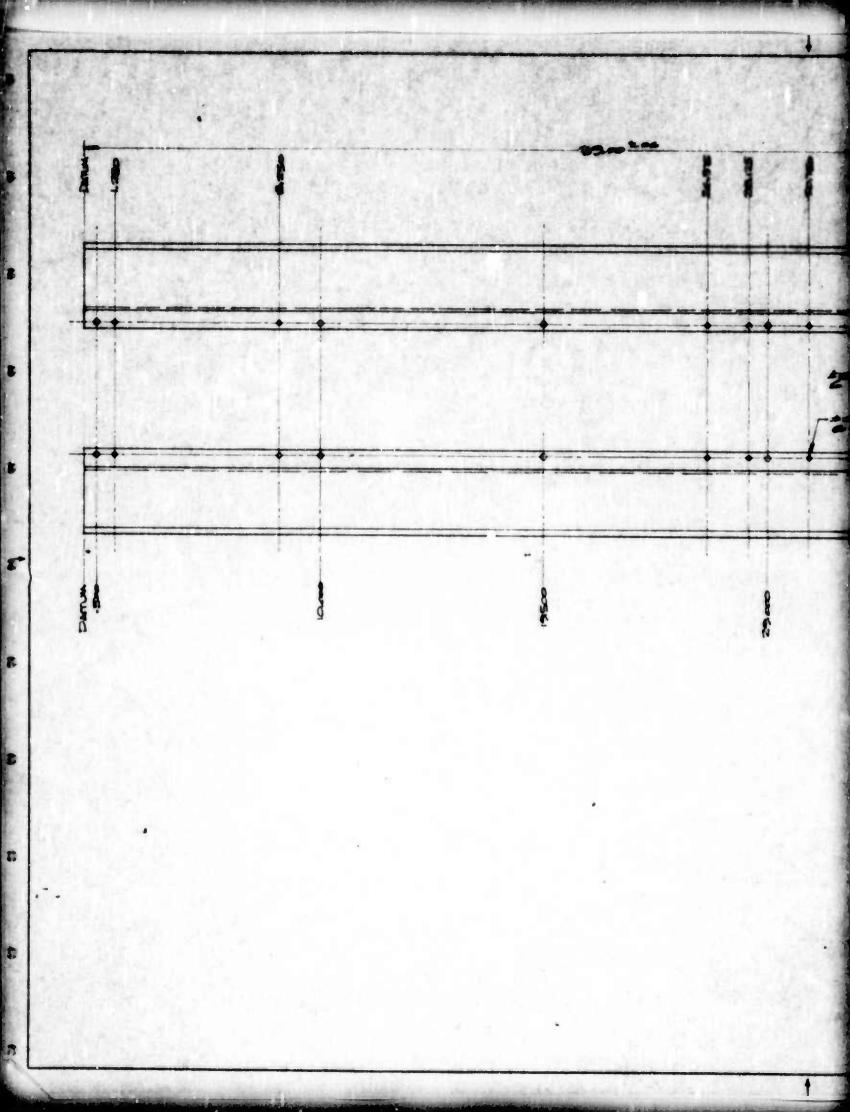


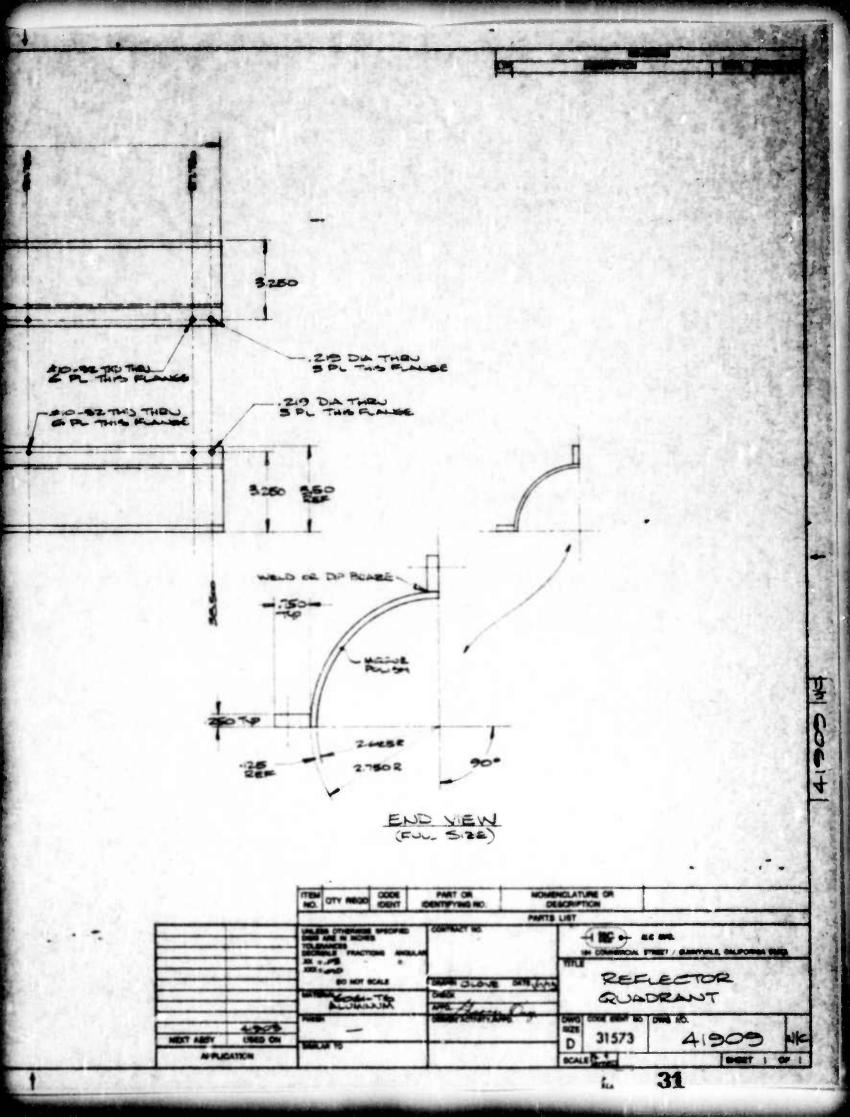


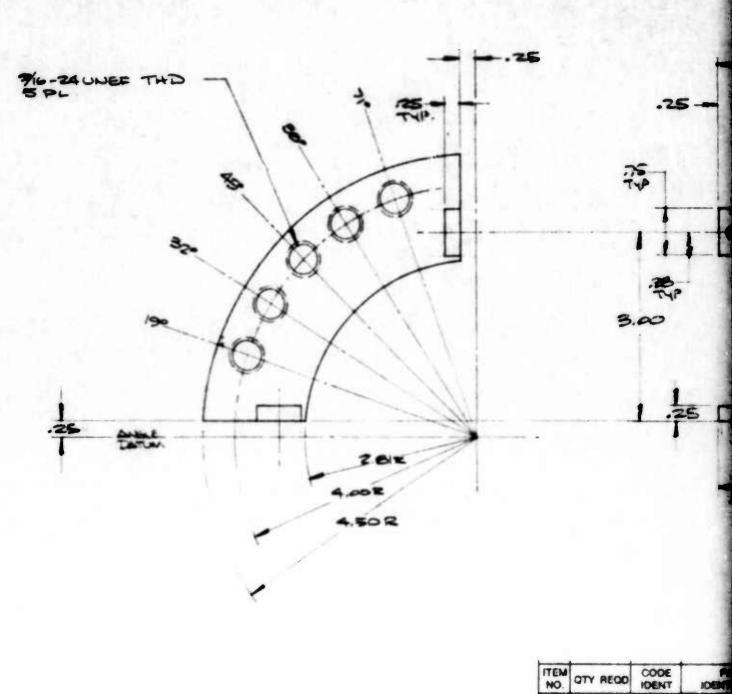




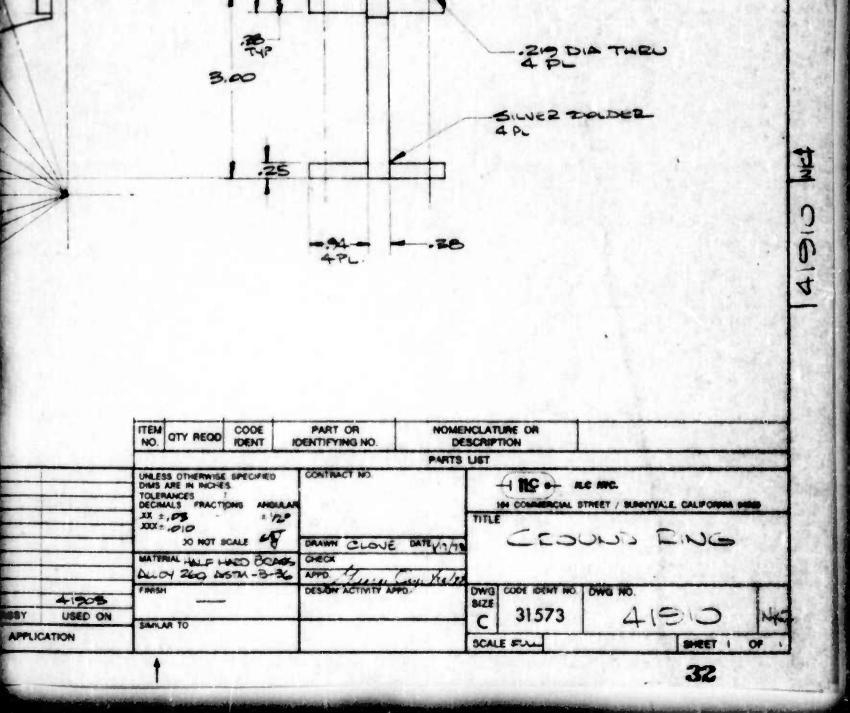
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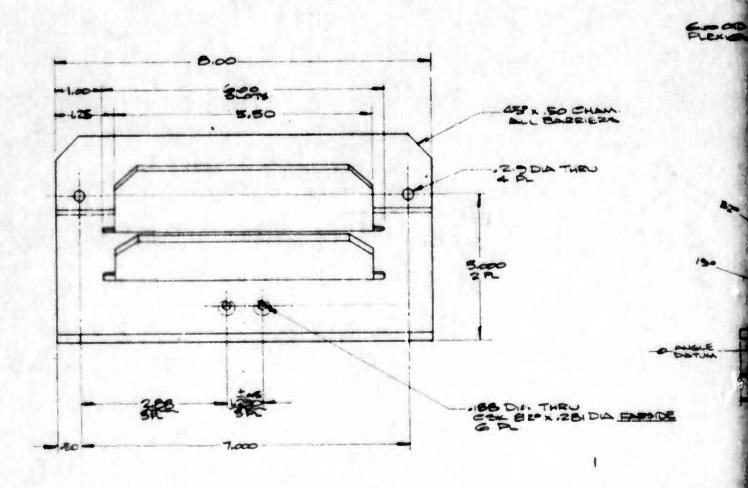
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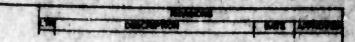
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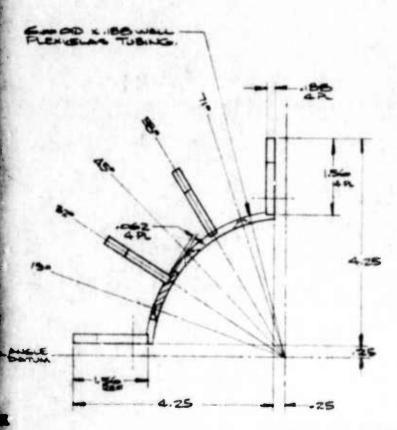
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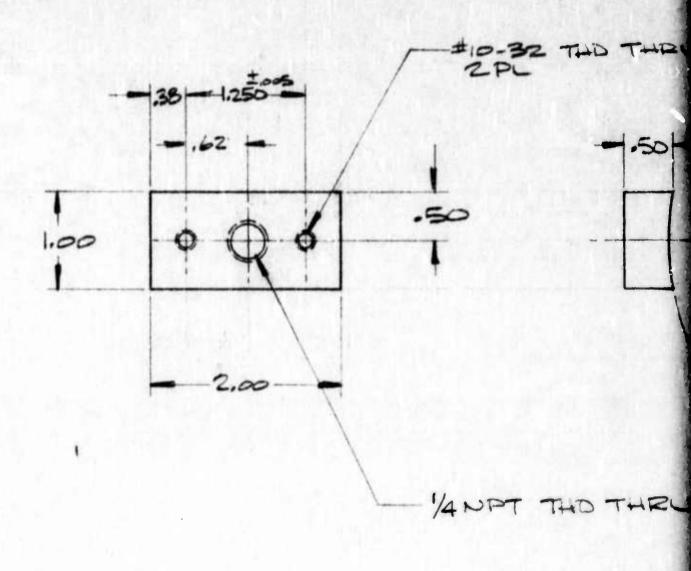


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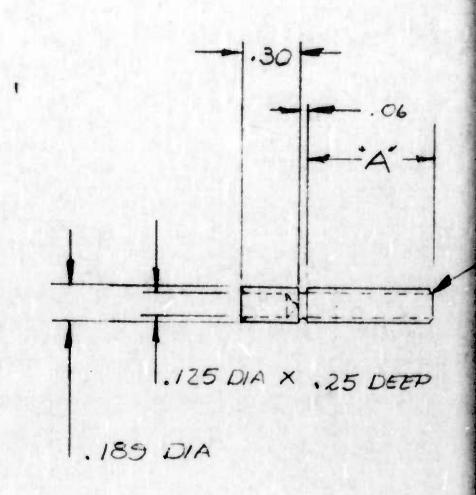
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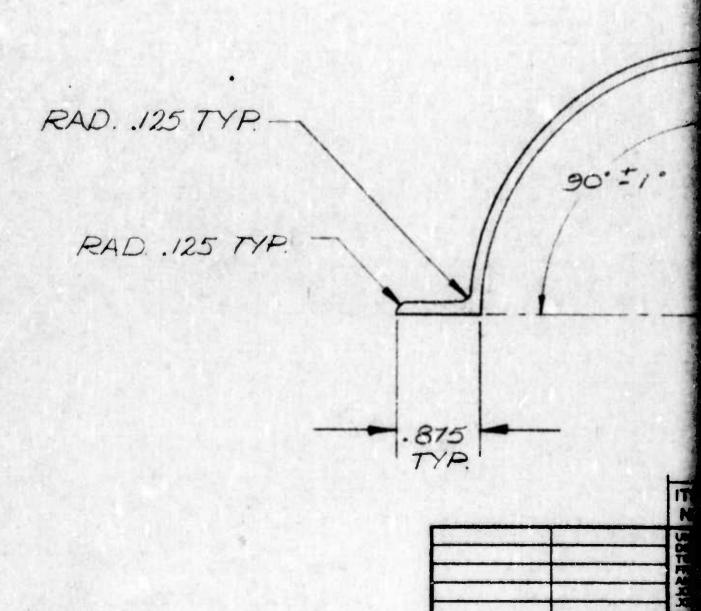
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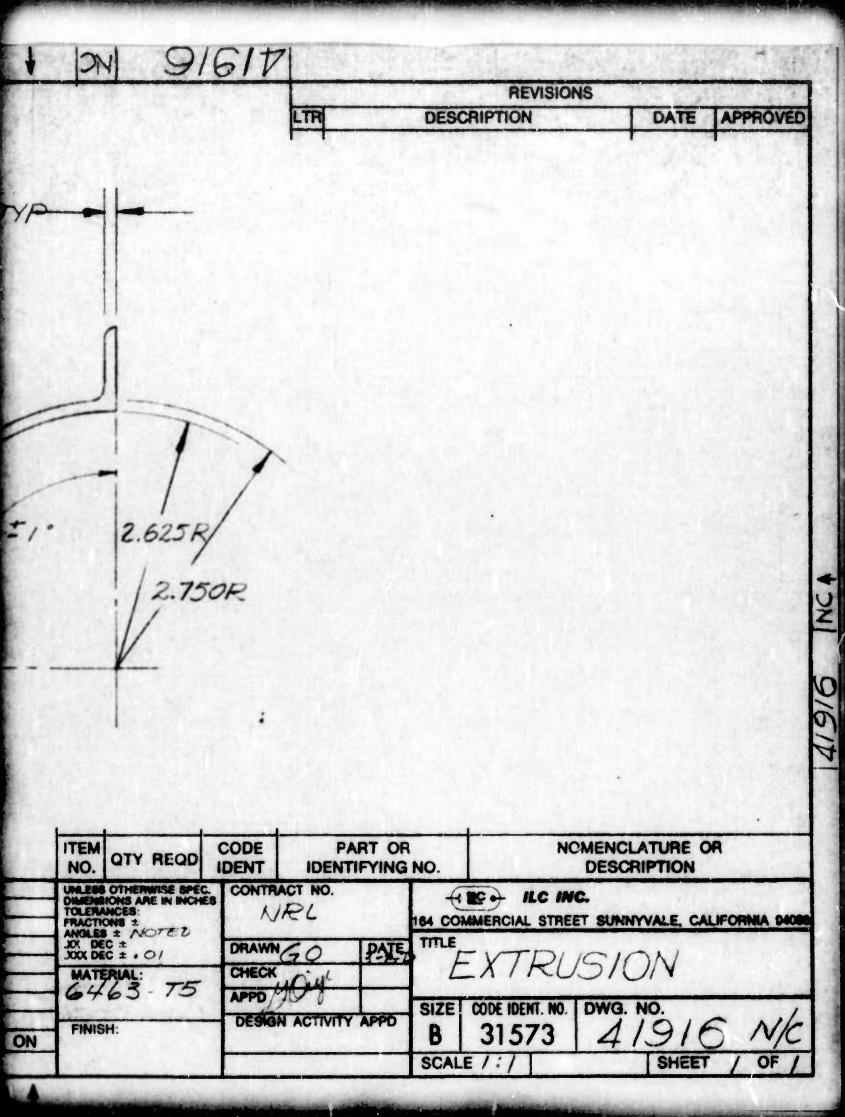
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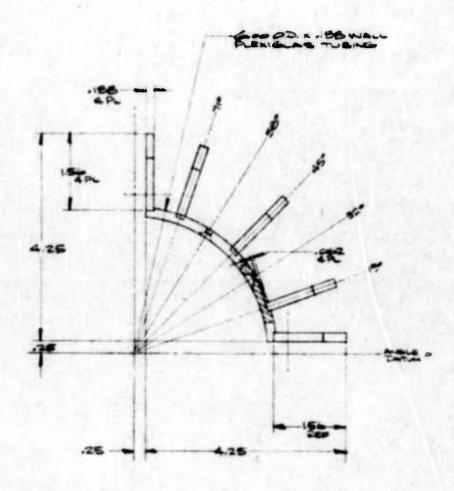
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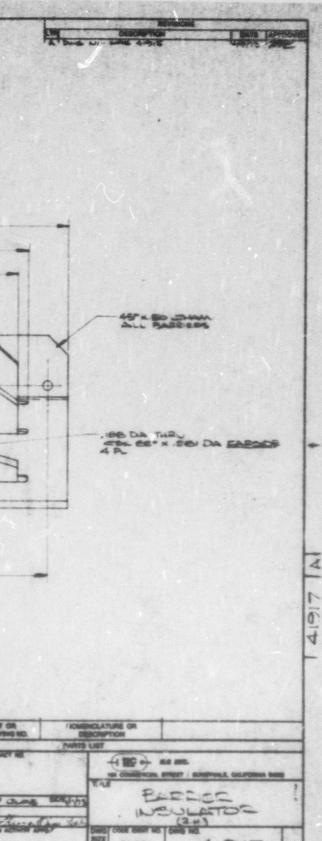
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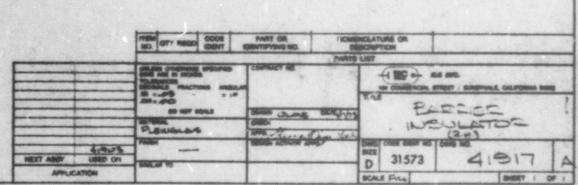


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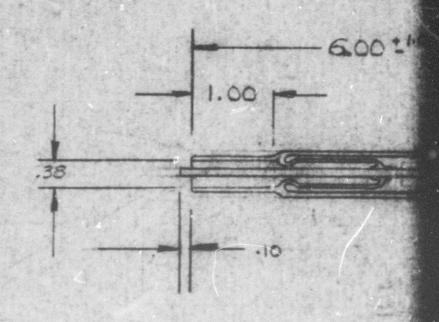
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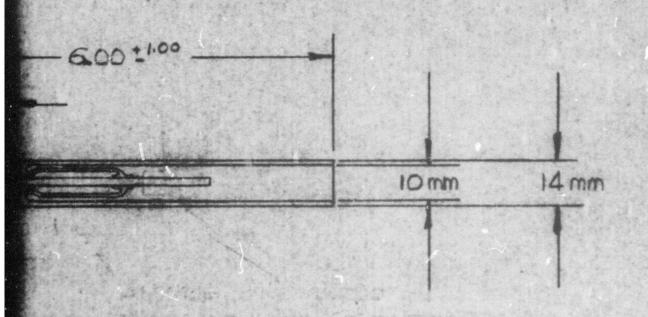


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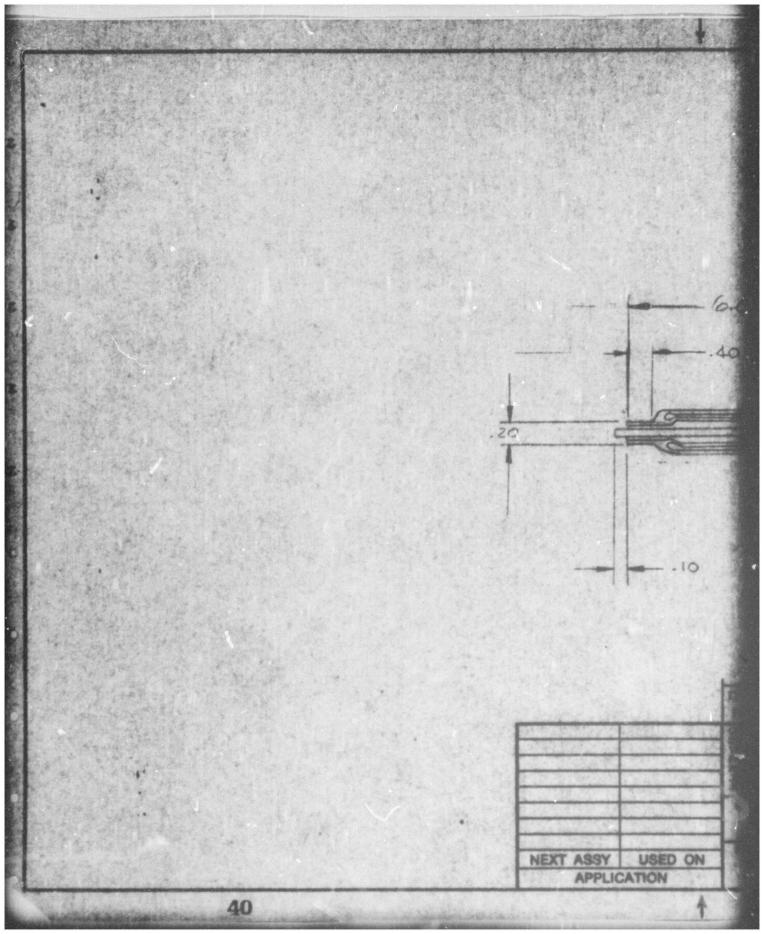


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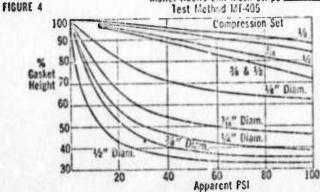
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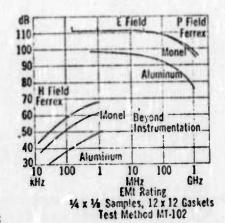
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AVAILABLE FORMS

Strips: METEX EMI Strips are continuous gasketing material made from resilient knitted wire mesh. Standard cross sections are round, rectangular, round with attachment fin, and double round with attachment fin (see sketches with tables). Standard materials are Monel, aluminum and Ferrex. THE Other sizes, cross sections and materials are also available.

Fabricated Gaskets: All of the listed METEX EMI strips can be formed and joined into ready-to-use one piece fabricated gaskets. en Metex Trademark for tin plated, copper clad steel gasketing.

SPECIFICATIONS

Monel QQ	N-281B or AMS	-4730-A
Aluminum Alle		
Ferrex (Tin plated, copper clad,	steel)	% By Weight
lin Plate	ASTM B-33 MIL-W-3861	2-3%
· Copper Cladding	ASTM B-227	30-40%
Steel Wire		Balance

HOW TO ORDER

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Strip Materials: Are ordered by part number from tables 1, 2, 3 or 4. Strips are usually supplied on spoots in continuous lengths.

Fabricated Gaskets: Since such detaits as corner radii, corner and joint construction vary with type and size of Etil strip, it is not possible to show a simple drawing standard. Please supply sketch or verbal description based on this outline.

For variations of part numbers and designs shown on this page use METEX DESIGN ASSISTANCE SERVICE. Soil Metex, Cal-Metex, or your local representative.

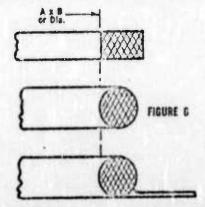
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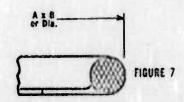
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HOW TO URSER (Cont'd)

- 1. Choose strip by part number.
- 2. Specify inside dimensions or diameter for these cross sections:



Or outside dimensions or diameter for this cross section:



Note: A new Metex part number will have to be assigned for your fabricated gasket.

- 3. · Tolerances: Ax B or dia. are: 0.5"; ±.03 5-10"; ±.06 Over 10"; ±.06 for every 10".
- 4. On request IMETEX will supply a detailed drawing conforming with your description.

TOLERANCES (for Tables 1 thru 4)		
Rectangular Strips	Round Strips	
.062 to .188, +.015 000	.062 to .125, +.015	
over .188 to .375, +.032	over .125 to .188, +.032 000	
ever .375 to .500, +.047	over .188 to .375, +.047	
over .500 to 1.000, +.062 000	over .375 to .750, +.062 000	
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Measured under 4 ounce load with 32" anvils on a Federal Product Modet 22P hand snap gauge or equivalent.

Single Round with Fin and Double Round with Fin, overall width. up to 1.00, ±.06 Over 1.01, ±.12

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APPENDIX II

TEST PROGRAM LOG

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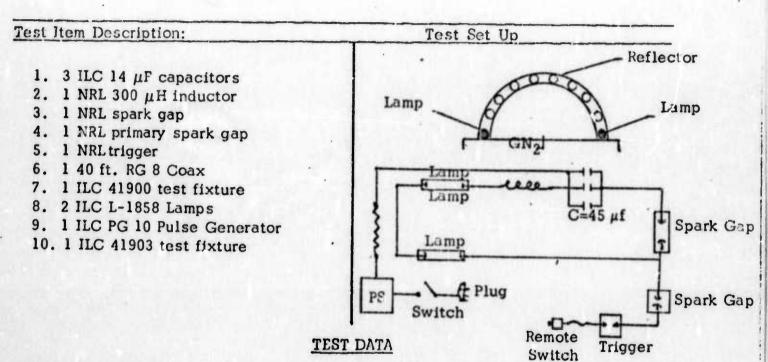
TEST DATA SHEET

Name of Test: System checkout of one capacitor bank and discharge system using

two (2) lamps.

Objective(s): a. Check out single energy storage system

b. Test two lamps to full energy when located in extreme positions.



Test/	Point	Date,	/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
1.	a.	2/2	6/73	2	-12.0	0	No fire
	b.	"	11		-12.5	0	No fire
	c.	"	11		-14.0	3	No fire
	d.	. "	n		-14.0	0	Add scope - voltage at lamps OK. Reverse polarity of power supply.
	e.	"	**		+14.0	2 5	OK
•	f.		11		+14.0	5	No evidence of burning of insulation - all good.
	g.	"	"		+16.0	5	Still no burning or discoloratio all good.
•	h.	"			+18.0	5	Reset gap for higher voltage. Still good.
		"	H		+20.0	5	Still good. Stop testing.
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Acceptance Test

Objective(s): (a) Establish integrity of all lamps at 20 kV in opposite sides of test

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Test	Item	Des	crip	tion:

Test Set Up

Same as Test 1 except 6 new lamps were tested.

Same as Test 1.

TEST DATA

oint	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
a. b.	2/27/73	2 2	+20 +20	11 10	OK. Change lamps. OK. Carbon on top reflecto weld area, clean change lamps.
c.	n n	2	+20	10	Lamps OK, still some carbon but no evidence of electrical arcing.
		TOTAL		31	
	b.	a. 2/27/73 b. " "	a. 2/27/73 2 b. " " 2	a. 2/27/73 2 +20 b. " " 2 +20 c. " " 2 +20	Lamps KV Shots a. 2/27/73 2 +20 11 b. " " 2 +20 10 c. " " 2 +20 10



TEST DATA SHEET

Name of Test: Magnetic Force Effect on Two Lamps

Objective(s):

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(a) Determine ability of two unsupported lamps to withstand

magnetic force effects at a spacing of 3 lamps between them.

Test Item Description:

Same as Tests 1 and 2 except last lamp pair used.

Space Lamp

No. 1 Bank Electrical System

Test Set Up

TEST DATA

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	. REMARKS
3. a. b. c.	2/27/73	2 2 2 TOTAL	+16 +18 +20	2 2 5 9	OK OK Looks good. No more carbo or mechanical failures.



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Name of Test:

Magnetic Force Effects on two Side by Side Lamps

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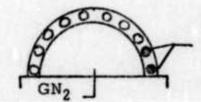
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(a) Determine integrity of 2 lamps operating in a normal position.

Test Item Description:

Test Set Up

Same as Test 3 except lamps moved side by side.



Lamps

No. 1 Bank Electrical System

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
4. a. b. c.	2/27/73	2 2 2 TOTAL	+16 +18 +20	2 2 10 14	OK OK OK



ILC Technology

Name of	Test:	Magnetic	Force	Effects	on T	'wo	Pairs	of	Lamps	

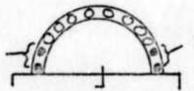
Objective(s): (a) Determine integrity of 2 pairs of lamps in extreme quadrants.

Test Item Description:

Test Set Up

Same as Test 4 except 2 more lamps added in 9 o'clock position and no. 2 bank added.

Added ___



1 Pair.

No. 1 and No. 2 Bank Electrical System

Test/	Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots		REMARKS	
5.	a. b. c. d.	2/27/73 2/27/73 2/27/73 2/27/73	4 4 4	+16 +18 · · +20 +20	3 3 5 5	OK OK OK		
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Magnetic Force Effects on three pairs of lamps

Objective(s):

(a) Determine integrity of three pairs of lamps.

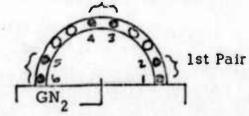
Test Item Description:

Same as Test 5 except:

Two more lamps added at 12 o'clock position. No. 3 bank added.

Test Set Up 3rd Pair (added)

2nd Pair



No. 1, No. 2 & No. 3 Banks

TEST DATA

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
6. a.	2/28/73	6	+16	3	No. 3 lamp broke.

This lamp broke a cathode end probably on the 1st shot. 3" of envelope was gone. Bob Burns saw a fire check at one end of one of the lamps during installation. Examination of the remaining ends shows no fire checking.

Conclusion: Fire check was at broken end.

Action:

Inspect all remaining lamps for fire checks.

Results:

- 1. Very little if any at anode slight strain at cathode.
- 2. Cathode end is good slight strain at anode.
- 3. Anode moderate strain cathode broken.
- 4. Slight strain at anode very little at cathode.
- 5. Very little strain both ends.
- 6. Light strain at anode very little at anode substantial wick at anode. Peplace with no. 7.
- 7. Moderate strain at anode none at cathode.
- 8. Moderate at anode little at cathode replaces no. 3.



Name of Test: Magnetic Force Effects on three Pairs of Lamps

Objective(s): (a) Rep

(a) Repeat Test No. 6

Test Item Description:

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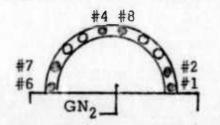
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Test Set Up

#3 Lamp reaplced by #8.

#6 Lamp replaced by #7.

Everything else the same as Test #6.



Same Electrical.

TEST DATA

Test/Point	Date/Tim	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
7. a.	2/28/7	3 6	+16	1	OK .
b. '		6	+16	1	OK
c.	11 1	6	+16	1	OK ·
d.		6	+18	1	OK
e.		6	+18	1	OK
f.		6	+18	1	OK
g.		6	+18	2	OK Total 5 shots at 18 kV
h.	11	6	+20	3	Broke lamps #8 and #4 (This is the same physica position as Test No. 6)
		TOTAL		11	

No. 4 has a crack at cathode end and leaked.

Action: Will try lossening up the mounting holes of lamp clamps to stop possibility of stressing lamps. Also will leave clamp at the junction of the two lamps quite loose.



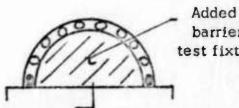
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Name	of	Test:	Acceptance Test New Lamps	
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Objective(s): (a) Check out 3 new lamps for operational integrity.

Test Set Up Test Item Description:

Three new lamps.



Added end barrier to test fixture.

- . Use No. 1 bank of capacitors.
- . Leave one end of lamp mount very loose.

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamos	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
8. a.	3/1/73	2	+16	2	OK ·
b.	н н	2 2	+18	2	OK
c.	н	2 2	+20 .	2 2 1 5	OK
d.	В 0		+20	5	OK. Change left hand lamp to new lamp.
e.	11 11	2	+18	5	OK
f.	10 11		+20	5	OK
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Name of Test: Lamp Position Evaluation.

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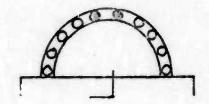
(a) Determine if a pair of lamps in the 12 o'clock position will

operate successfully.

Test Item Description:

Test Set Up

Lamp No.'s 5 and 6 first, then No's 1 and 2 second. All other equipment same as Test 8.



No. 1 Bank of Capacitors

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
9. a. b. c. d. e. f. g.	3/1/73	TOTAL	+16 +18 +20 +20 +18 +20 +20	3 2 5 5 5 5 28	OK OK OK OK. Change lamps OK OK OK



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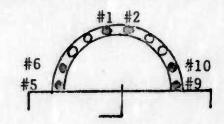
Name of Test: Repeat Test No.'s 6 and 7 with 3 pairs of Lamps

Objective(s): (a) Verify that excessive forces exist in this configuration.

Test Item Description:

Test Set Up

Lamp No.'s 1 and 2, 5 and 6, and 9 and 10.



Capacitor Banks 1, 2 and 3.

TEST DATA

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
10. a. b.	3/1/73	6	+18 +18.	1 0	OK Lamps 1, 2, 6 and 10 broke

Observations:

No obvious failure modes observed. Acoustical noise quite loud.

Conclusions & Action

- (a) Re-evaluate magnetic force analysis.
- (b) Evaluate the acoustic affects of test fixture.
- (c) Fabricate new lamps.
- (d) Modify test fixture to include pyrex shatter shield



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Name of Test: Acceptance Test 4 New Lamps in Modified Test Fixture

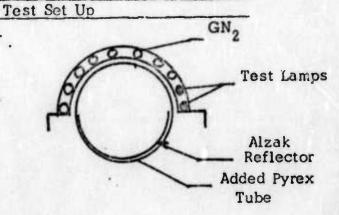
Objective(s):

- (a) Establish lamp performance integrity.
- (b) Preliminary performance evaluation of modif. test fixture.

Test Item Description:

Lamp No.'s(12 and 13) (11 and 15).

Retest No.'s 9 and 5. Both lamps had chips.



Capacitor Bank No. 1

Test/Point	Date/	Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
11. a.	3/9/	/73	2	+14	-	Didn't fire - go to 18 kV
b.		**	2 2 2	+18	2	OK
c.	"		2	+20 •	10	OK - Change Langs to #11 and #15
d.	H		2	+18	3	OK
e.		11	2 2 2 2 2	+20	10	OK - change lamps #9 and #5
f.	11		2	+18	3	OK
g.		-11	2	+20	10	OK - add 2 lamps for next test
			TOTAL		38	
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Name of Test:

Magnetic Force and Acoustic Force Evaluation with 2 pairs of

Lamps

(a) Evaluate performance of 2 pairs of lamps located at the Objective(s):

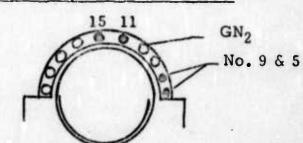
12 o'clock and 3 o'clock positions.

Test Item Description:

Test Set Up

Lamp No.'s 5 and 9 and 11 and 15.

Modified test fixture with Pyrex tube.



Capacitor Banks No.'s 1 and 2.

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
12. a.	3/9/73	4	+16	1	OK .
b.		4 4	+18	3	OK
c.		4	+20°.	3 10	OK - Add lamps 12 and 1 for next test.
		TOTAL		14	



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Magnetic Force/Acoustic Force Evaluation with 3 Pairs of Lamps. Name of Test:

(a) Evaluate the effectiveness of the pyrex tube as an acoustic Objective(s):

damper.

Test Item Description:

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Lamp No.'s (5 and 9) (11 and 15) and (12 and 13).

Modified test fixture with Pyrex tube.



Test Set Up

Capacitor Banks 1, 2, and 3. Same as tests 6, 7, and 10 except for pyrex tube.

TEST DATA

Test/Point	Date/Time No. of Lamps		Voltage KV	No. of Shots		REMARKS		
. 13. a. b. c.	3/9/73	6 6 6	+16 +18 +20	3 5 10	OK OK			
		TOTAL		18				

Conclusions:

- (a) Addition of the pyrex tube reduced. Lamp loads sufficient to prevent breakage of the lamps.
- (b) Go on to 10 lamp test after reacceptance test of used lamps.



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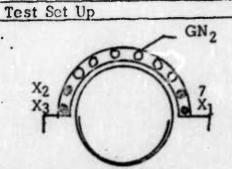
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Name of Test:	Reacceptance Test of All Used Lamps.
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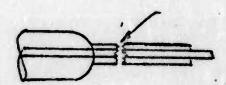
Objective(s): (a) Select 4 more lamps for 10 lamp test.

Test Item Description:

Larmp No.'s 7, X, X2, X3.



Capacitor Bank No.'s 1 and 2.



Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
14. a.	3/9/73	4	+16	3	Very noisy - doesn't sound right. Test 1 bank at a time.
b.	11	2	+20	10	No. 7 and X, OK
c.	n n	2 2	+20	1	Noisy - examination showed that the tungsten broke on one
		TOTAL		14	lamp and shorted to the reflector. The other lamp had a large nick. Decision: Test 8 lamps.



Name of Test: Eight Lamp 10 Shot Test

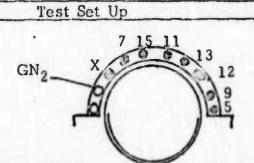
Objective(s): (a) Evaluate lamp and test fixture performance.

Test Item Description:

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Lamp No.'s (5 and 9) (12 and 13), (11 and 15) and (7 and X).

Modified test fixture with Pyrex tube.



Capacitor Banks No.'s 1, 2, 3, 4.

No center supports.

Test/l'oint	Date/Time		No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
15.a.	3/9	/73	8	+16	9	No. 4 spark gap needed adjusting.
b.	"	"	8	+18*	1	Plexiglass insulator shorted treflector - added mylar and polyethelene sheet.
c.	"	11	8	+16	1	ОК
d.	п	11	8 8 8	+18	7	Had to adjust spark gap.
e.	"		8	+20	10	OK after spark gap was adjusted.
			TOTAL		28	Decision: Make 2 more lamp
						and complete 100 shot test.



Name of Test: 10 Lamp 100 Shot Endurance Test.

Objective(s): (a) Determine lamp and test fixture performance for 100 shots.

Test Item Description:

Lamps (5 and 9) (12 and 13) (11 and 15) (7 and X) and (16 and 17).

Test Set Up

Therometer 7 15 11 Cooling Fan

Capacitor Banks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

 ${\rm GN}_2$ applied between lamps 11 and 15.

Rep rate 2-1/2 shots/min.

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
16. a.	3/12/73	10	+3.8	2	OK .
b.	3/12/73	10	+20	5	OK - shut down 5 min.
c.	3/12/73	10	+20	5	OK - shut down 2 min.
d.	3/12/73	10	+20	5	OK - shut down 2 min.
e.	3/12/73	10	+20	5	OK - shut down 2 min.
f.	11 11	10	+20	5	Test continued in 5 shot
	2023 hours	TOTAL		102	increments to a total of 102 shots at 20 kV. Successfully completed.
					Decision: Try for 500 shot endurance test.
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Name of Test:	Post Test Inspection of Test No. 16
Objective(s):	(a) Disassemble 10 lamp test.

(c) Re-identify all lamps.

Test Item Description:

Test Set Up

a. Reassembly Remarks:

No visual signs of arcing, darkening or degradation. Pyrex tube etched from acetone deposits.

Looks good throughout.

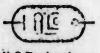
(b) Inspect

b. Inspection (Spark Test Lamps):

No. ten lamp is dead. Appears that potting primer got into seal cavity and damaged the seal. All other nine remaining lamps are good.

c. Lamps have been reidentified counterclockwise from 1 thru 10 starting at 3 o'clock position.

rest/Point	Date/	Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots		REMARKS
Coil Test	3/1	4/73	No. 1	Spark Coil	NA	ОК	• •
		11	No.2	11 11	н	OK	
		н	No.3	11 31	11	OK	
	11	н	No.4	11 11	"	OK	
		*10	No.5			OK	
		н	No.6		11	OK	
	11	11	No. 7	11 11	"	OK	
	11	10	No.8		117	OK	
		н	No.9	" "	"	OK	
	"	,,	No.10	н	"	Dead	



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Name of Test: Metex Center Supports Evaluation

Objective(s): (a) Evaluate performance of ferrex metex bridle and alum. metex pad.

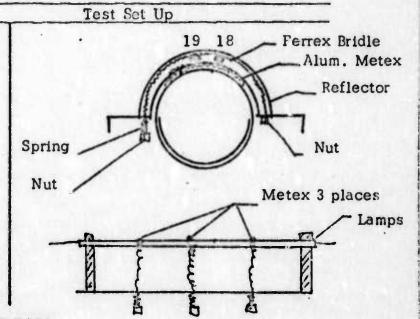
Test Item Description:

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Lamp No.'s 18 and 19.

1/8 Ferrex Metex bridle spring loaded over the lamps.

1/8 aluminum metex pad between the lamps and the Pyrex tube.



Test/Point	Date/	Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
18. a.	3/1	4/73	2	+16	2	OK .
b.		11	2 2	+16	5	OK
c.	"	11	2	+18	3	OK .
d.		11	2	+20	10	OK
						Add metex 3 places.
e.	. 11	11	2	+16	1	Looks good.
f.	11	16	2 2	+20	1	Looks good.
g.	- 11		2	+20	11	Looks good. Go on to 100
						shots.
			TOTAL		33	
						59

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Name	of	Test:	100 Shot Metex Evaluation Test

Objective(s): (a) Evaluate performance of ferrex and aluminum metex with 2 lamps.

Test Item Description:	Test Set Up	
Same as Test No. 18g.	Same as 18g.	

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
19. a.	3/15/73				
Whe Unit	0945 hours	2	+20	22	Looks good, change resistor.
	0955 hours	2 2	+20 +20 ·	20	Looks good, change resistor add fan.
	1012 hours	2	+20	20	Looks good, change resistor.
	1018 hours	2 2 2	+20	15	Looks good, change resistor.
	1022 hours	2	+20	11	Stop test.
					 Ferrex darkened on one sid away from cooling. Spring force good.
		TOTAL		88	3. Alum metex looks good.



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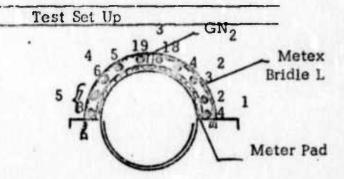
Name of Test: 10 Lamp Endurance Test with Center Supports

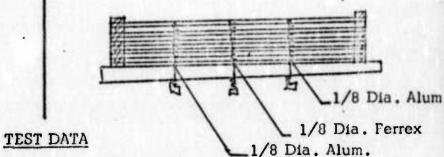
Objective(s): (a) Determine weaknesses in the entire system and the limiting

components.

Test Item Description:

Lamps (1 and 2) (3 and 4) (18 and 19) (5 and 6) and (7 and 8).





Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
20. a.	3/15/73 1343 hours	10	+16	1	Not all lamps fired.
b.	1347 hours	10	+18	3	All lamps fired.
c.	1415 hours	10	+20	5	Everything OK except inner alum, metex failed. Badly shredded. Remove inner metex pad.
d.	1603 hours	10	+20	5	Looks good.
е.	1607 hours	10	+20	5	Alum. meter bridle starting to shred. Remove 2 alum. bridles
f.	1630 hours	10	+20	10	Looks good but seem; noisy.

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Decision: Shut dowr and add

more GN2.



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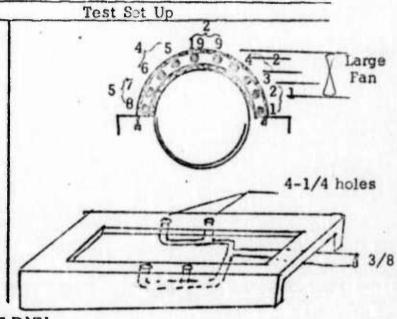
Name of Test	10 Lamp Endurance Test Continuation with Added GN2,

Objective(s): (a) Evaluate component performance,

(b) Determine component units.

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Test	Item	Description:

Replace lamp #18 with lamp #9. All others same as Test 20.



TEST DATA

Test/Point	Date/Time	No. of Lamps	Voltage KV	No. of Shots	REMARKS
21.	3/16/73				
a.	1033 hours	10	+16	1	OK
b.		_	+18-	1 2 5	OK .
c.			+20	5	OK but very noisy. Stop and tape up all cracks around edge of fixture.
d.	1112 hours	10	+20	5	Very quiet.
е.	1225 hours	10	+20	45	Looks good. Metex dark but still OK. All lamps still good
f.	1330 hours	10	+20	1 25	Add large fan
g.	1610 hours	10	+20	22	Still OK. Total 329 shots at 20 kV
h.	1805 hours	10	+20	171	Completed 500 shots at 20 kV Everything looks good. All
		TOTAL		276	lamps are still good.

Post Test Activities

- 1. Disassembled all electrical equipment and returned components to NRL.
- 2. Test fixture and lamps kept intact at ILC (all 10 lamps are still good).

Summary:

Lamps

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Number of 32 inch lamps fabricated:	26
Number of 32 inch lamps broken during potting and hypot:	6
Number of 32 inch lamps broken during tests:	10
Number of good lamps remaining:	10
Shots	
Number at 16kV or less:	57
Number at 18kV	61
Number at 20kV	676
TOTAL	794

Insulation System

Number of designs tried:

- 5
- (a) 3/8" ID quartz tube extension (hard to make)
- (b) .200" OD \times 1" long quartz extension (too short)
- (c) .200" OD x 1" long extension plus glassed tungsten (would not stand 20kV hypot)
- (d) .200" OD x 1-1/4" long extension (weak mechanically).
- (e) .350" OD x 1-1/4" long extension (very strong. No lamps made, only test seals).

SUMMARY OF PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Solutions

Problems

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Insulation system would not withstand hypot to 60kV or 45kV

pulsing hypot at 10 PPS.

- Added 1-1/4" x .200" dia. quartz extension on lamp and slipped 3/8 OD x 1/8 ID silicone sleeve over the extension with Dow Corning Silgard 184 as a sealant. Potted entire system in an 9/16" dia. OD aluminum sleeve.
- Solution to Problem No. 1, although successful, has a mechanical weakness at the .200 dia to 14mm OD transition.
- This section has been thickened to .350" OD and is very strong. No lam were made this way in this phase.
- Three pairs of lamps in alternate pairs of spaces would not survive a 27 kJ test due to accustic shockwave concentrations.
 - 3. Addition of a pyrex cylinder in the center of the array with 1/8" clearance from cylinder to lamps.
- 4. Excessive noise and acoustic shock 4. within the test fixture.
- Addition of four 1/4" dia. GN2 ports and sealing of all cracks and air leaks reduced noise.
- 5. Lamps break during handling and potting.
- 5. See No. 2.
- 6. Arc over to ground at plexiglass terminal block.
- 6. Added mylar sheet under terminal block. This terminal will be solid in future models.
- Center supports to restrain magnetic forces.
- 7. Used Ferrex Metex with a spring and bridle design.

CONCLUSIONS

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- 1. A successful lamp insulation system design was developed and demonstrated with all objectives met.
- 2. A successful lamp end support was developed and demonstrated with all objectives met.
- 3. 32 in. arc length lamps, reverse series connected in pairs, can be successfully operated in a ten lamp semi-cylindrical array.
- 4. A pyrex shatter shield design was successfully demonstrated.
- 5. The aluminum potting shell and lamp support is difficult to fit and needs to be re-sized in future designs.
- 6. The lamp end quartz extension needs to be beefed up to .350" dia. x 1-1/4" long for future lamps to prevent handling losses.
- 7. The 32 in. arc length lamp operated in reversed series pairs do not require center supports but can be supported by a spring leaded metex bridle if desired.
- 8. Ferrex metex can be used in intimate contact with the lamps without harmful affects.
- 9. Aluminum Netex is not a good material in a flashlamp environment.
- 10. GN₂ purge is a must for low noise operation.
- 11. Addition of a pyrex shatter shield is a good way to reduce acoustic shock affects.
- 12. Acoustic forces must be considered when designing a laser lamp array to prevent lamp breakage.
- 13. Electro magnetic forces can be reduced by operating the lamps in reversed series pairs.